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# IDF officer killed by Hizbullah suicide bomber

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AN IDF officer, Capt. Salah Zeidan, 23, from Beit Jann, was killed and a Defense Ministry worker was wounded yesterday when a Hizbullah suicide bomber hurled himself at an IDF convoy two kilometers from the Metulla border crossing in the security zone.

In an earlier Hizbullah bombing, a Lebanese civilian was wounded in Bint J'bail. Later in the day, an SLA soldier was killed by a road-

side bomb. Before yesterday's attacks. Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would match restraint with restraint, but would act accordingly if Hizbullah did not curb its activities. But afterwards Peres stressed there is no policy of restraint.

"I said that if there is no restraint [on the part of Hizbullah] we will draw the

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necessary conclusions," he said while visiting soldiers wounded in previous attacks in south Lebanon at Haifa's Ramham Hospital.

OC Northern Command Mai,-Gen Amiram Levine said the suicide bomber was sent by Hizbullah and had been assisted by residents of a village near Taibeh, Israel Radio reported. His weapons and equipment were found there. After the attack, an SLA soldier was arrested on suspicion of aiding the terrorists and several other residents of the village were detained for questioning.

The first incident occurred before noon, when a Hizbullah operative detonated a large explosive device in the heart of Bint I'bail, in the western sector of the security zone.

Hizbullah announced the target of the attack was the brother of the SLA's western region commander, , was in the convoy of mixed army and

Col. Akel Hashem.

According to reports from Lebanon, Hizbullah planted the bomb on the roof of a building used by SLA security offi-

cers and the Lehanese gendarmerie.
The device exploded, but Hashem's brother managed to escape with only light wounds. Nevertheless, the site of the attack and the person it was aimed at shocked zone residents.

The suicide attack came a few hours later, when a Hizhullah bomber hurled himself at a jeep leading an IDF convoy on the road from Taibeh village toward the Metulla crossing point.

Aboard the jeep was a senior IDF officer, Col K., the commander of the district, who was unburt in the attack. Hizbullah announced in Beirut that it knew a senior IDF officer

civilian vehicles

Reports from the area said the soldiers in the convoy had seen a man standing by the side of the road and became suspicious. They reportedly stopped and cocked their weapons,

aiming them at the man, who then raced at the jeep and blew himself up.
Zeidan, of the Golani Brigade, traveling in a truck behind the jeep, was killed and the driver, an Israeli civilian employed by the Defense Ministry, was

wounded in the face. At the same time, Hizbullah gunmen opened fire with mortars and Katyshua rockets at IDF and SLA positions in the same region. IDF and SLA gunners hlasted suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone with nearly 300 shells for two hours.

Reports on Lebanese radio stations

said several homes in towns and villages north of the zone were damaged, although there were no reports of any civilian casualties.

A senior IDF officer told reporters that the soldiers had acted properly, thereby preventing an even more seri-

ous and tragic outcome.

Brig.-Gen. T. said the suicide bomb was the latest in a series of attacks including car hombs, hang glider bombs, and roadside bombs - which are part of the warfare the IDF is facing in

southern Lebanon. Levine went to the scene and debriefed officers and soldiers involved in the incident. Reports from Lebanon said that earlier Levine had accompamied Minister Yossi Beilin and government coordinator on Lebanon Uri

Later, as SLA soldiers were searching the same area of the clash, a roadside bomb exploded, killing one of the soldiers.

Ya'acov Gil, 25, from Safed, the Isracli civilian wounded in the suicide bomb attack, was evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

"I saw the suicide bomber as be jumped and then there was an explosion," said Gil, before undergoing an operation to remove shrapnel from his

After nightfall, two Apache helicopter gunships strafed suspected Hizbullah infiltration trails in the hills facing the zone's eastern sector for five minntes by the light of parachute flares, Reuter reported.

The attacks yesterday followed a recent wave of Hizbullah operations in which five soldiers, one of them a colonel, were killed and 22 others wounded most of them from the Golani



This jeep carrying Col. K. was the apparent target of yesterday's Hizbullah suicide bomber in southern Lebanon.

# Attacks show Syria's not serious about peace

HIZBULLAH'S third major attack in recent days shows the Israel-Syria peace process is deceased and serious international cooperation against terrorism is not yet

Syrian unwillingness to discourage Hizbullah's escalation at a critical moment in peace talks demonstrates that President Hafez Assad's regime has little interest in making progress. Equally, the audacious behavior of Hizbullah, Syria, and Iran show they have no fear of punishment by those present at last week's glittering assemblage in Sbarm e-

Today US President Bill Clinton warns of inevitable retribution for terrorist acts. Everyone forgets that former US president Ronald Reagan said the same thing 15 years ago.

BARRY RUBIN

In addition, the Clinton administration did not raise credibility by inviting Syria to the anti-terrorism summit. The US reaction to Hizbullah's terrorist attacks this week was to urge mutual restraint and calm in Lebanon rather than talk to Damascus in terms usually reserved for Iran.

Israel, of course, does take terrorism seriously, has punished terrorists, and will eventually retaliate for these attacks. Prime ministers Yitzhak Rahin and Shimon Peres rightly did everything possible to reach an agreement with Syria. But Syria's continuing obduracy in the last 18 months and Hizbullah's continued attacks have convinced Israeli leaders that Assad is not ready for peace. Either Damascus views such a step as against its interests or mistakenly thinks stubbornness will gain more Israeli concessions.

Whatever Syria's motives, these attacks now make it virtually impossible for Peres to continue talks with Damascus before the May 29 elections. And he may not be so eager to do so if he remains in office.

It is true that only a political solution can end terrorism from Lehanon. Unfortunately, that alternative does not seem

Barry Rubin's recent books include Revolution Until Victory? and Assimilation and Its Discontents.

# Zeidan is survived by his parents, two sisters, "We bad planned for him to finish his compul-

The second son to fall

dan, 23, of Beit Jann, was his parents' second son to fall in the line of duty. His brother, Fuad, was killed by a stray bullet in Bethlehem in 1987. Salah Zeidan, a graduate of the Rama High School, completed a year's preparatory study at

GOLANI company commander Cpt. Salah Zei-

Lubrani.

the Technion before being drafted. His father, Kamel, a police officer, said yesterday he had intended to study medicine after the army.

sory service and go on to study, but he liked being an officer and signed on for the regular army," said his father. "He bad no fears about serving in southern Lebanon and would always tell us not to worry."

and a younger brother who is about to be called up for military service. He is to be buried this afternoon at the Beit Jann Military

# Israel not expected to repeat **Operation Accountability** DAVID MAKOVSKY after the attack, Peres declared,

ISRAEL will not initiate another Operation Accountability-style aerial bombardment of southern Lebanon at this time, but it "will not preclude a proportional response" to Hizbullah attacks, a top aide to Prime Minister Sbimon Peres said last

The aide sought to discourage speculation that Israel was about start a large-scale operation in south Lebanon, but made clear that Israel will not remain passive as Hizbullah accelerates its

According to US-brokered rules reached in the aftermath of Operation Accountability in August 1993, the only illegitimate attacks are those on Israeli civilians in northern towns or those against Lebanese civilians north of the security zone.

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Meanwhile, a diplomatic routine that has gone on for years continued again last night. US Ambassador to Damascus Christopher Ross was said to be meeting with Syrian officials, urging restraint.

Over the last several days, US officials have said Israel can act with restraint so long as Hizbullah does.

Indeed, just hours before the Hizbullah suicide bomber blew himself up at an IDF convoy in sonthern Lebanon yesterday, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel had information that Hizhullah wanted to reduce

However, speaking to reporters at Haifa's Rambam Hospital

"We will judge the situation based upon the reality on the ground. We won't rely on promises or papers, but we'll see how things are developing and will act accordingly."

"There is no pobcy of restraint. I said that if there won't be restraint [on the part of Hizbullah] we will draw the conclusions," he said. 'Hizbullah is showing more technological sophistication and more organization. That's the truth. We have to organize and act accordingly."
Peres denied that US press-

ure is bolding Israel from act-

The US State Department, bowever, said it was nrging restraint by Israel, Lebanon, and Syria following the at-

## Clinton to Peres: Defense treaty is premature DAVID MAKOVSKY

A DEFENSE treaty between Israel and the US would be "premature" at this time, President Bill Clinton informed Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week, Israeli officials say.

The conversation between the two was held on Air Force One on the way back from the Sharm el-Sbeikh anti-terrorism summit last Wednesday.

The US believes Peres would like a US-Israel defense treaty as a capstone to a peace treaty with Syria, but in the absence of such a deal, sources fear a bilateral defense treaty could compromise Washington's role as an honest broker in the moribund negotiarions between Damascus and

Furthermore, the sources say it seems very unlikely such a treaty could be completed with two-thirds US Senate approval before Israeli elections in May.

which is Peres's target date for an agreement with the

Finally, the defense establishment here has broadly opposed a treaty, voicing concern such an accord could fie Israel's hands in the event it sought to retaliate for an attack. Therefore, Peres is now aiming

for something more modest; a memorandum of understanding

(MOU), an executive agreement not requiring congressional ap-proval. While some have sought to dub this a US-Israel "defense pact." such a title is misleading, since what is envisioned is not a

Peres wants to sign the MOU during his trip to the US next month, around April 28-29. King Hussein will also be visiting and it appears the two will be guests at a White House luncheon hosted by

Later, Neuman apparently bad

second thoughts and agreed to

help Ma'ariv investigate the af-

fair. He secretly taped a number

of conversations between himself

and Segev, Goldman, and Po-

merantz, and also provided the

paper with some of the relevant

documents. All four are to be

investigated.

# A-G orders criminal probe of Segev

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair yesterday ordered the police to begin a criminal investigation against Energy Ministry Gonen Segev on suspicion of violating party registra-

tion law.

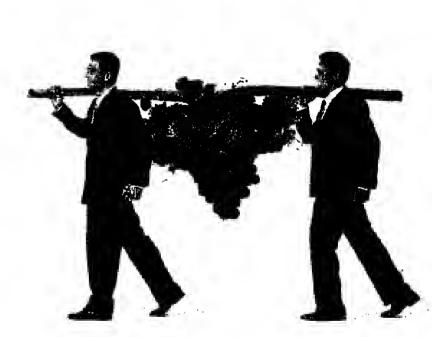
The order was issued in response to a report in Friday's Ma'ariv concerning Segev's batthe with Alex Goldfarb for the chairmanship of their Yi'ud Party. Faced with the need to register new members who would support his bid, Segev and bis adviser, Yoram Pomerantz, and Yi'ud treasurer Avigdor Goldman, arranged to have Yi'ud pay a radio dealer named Amikam Neuman NIS 1,638 for "consulting." After deducting income tax and VAT, this would leave Neuman with NIS 700 - enough to pay the NIS 20 registration fee for 35 new Yi'ud members. In practice, the report said.

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POLICE demolished the home of one of the most wanted Hamas members. Mohi Eddin Sharif, in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of Jerusalem yesterday, while his family and neighbors looked on.

Sharif, known as the successor of Yiyhe "The Engineer," Ayyash, Hamas's former explosives expert killed in Gaza earlier this year. Sbarif, who has been dubbed "The Engineer No. 2," remains at large, allegedly in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority.

Israel Radio reported yesierday that Palestinian security forces nearly captured Sharif and two other wanted Hamas

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terrorists Tuesday night in Ramallah, and the three are allegedly still in the city.

Security sources have linked Sharif to a number of Hamas suicide bombings. However, the demolition order of his family's home only refers to Sharif's suspected involvement in the August suicide bus bombing in Ramot Eshkol, in which four people

Sharif, whose father said he last saw him in Ramallah two months ago, allegedly prepared

Dozens of policemen stood

guard as bulldozers tore down the home, after the family was given several hours to remove their belongings. The home was sealed nearly two weeks ago, with the demolition held up hy two High Court petitions.

The family set up tents outside the home, where they have been living since it was sealed.

Family memhers shonted and held up signs reading, "Where is the peace?" and "No peace with demolitions."

The demolition was reportedly the first in Jerusalem for security reasons since the early 1970s. There have, however, been several cases of house sealings.

# **Zucker: Deportations** don't work as deterrent

DEPORTATIONS have not proved effective in the past 25 years and therefore Prime Minister Shimon Peres would be wrong to deploy this method now, Knesset Law Committee chairman MK Dedi Zncker (Meretz) said

"The fact is that we have tried it so many times, and it does not work [as a deterrent]," Zucker said on the Erev Hadash television program.

In returning to old failed policies, Zucker said, Peres is falling hack on "lazy thinking."

In the cabinet on Sunday,

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effective deterrent, and he would favor using this method once it has been cleared with legal experts. Senior officials want to be sure the deportations withstand petitions to the High Court of

Appearing alongside Zucker, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr differed, saying, "I have not heard of a better idea" than deportations and insisting they have worked as a deterrent on a few occasions.

Orr said there will not be mass deportations. One official said the number considered would be

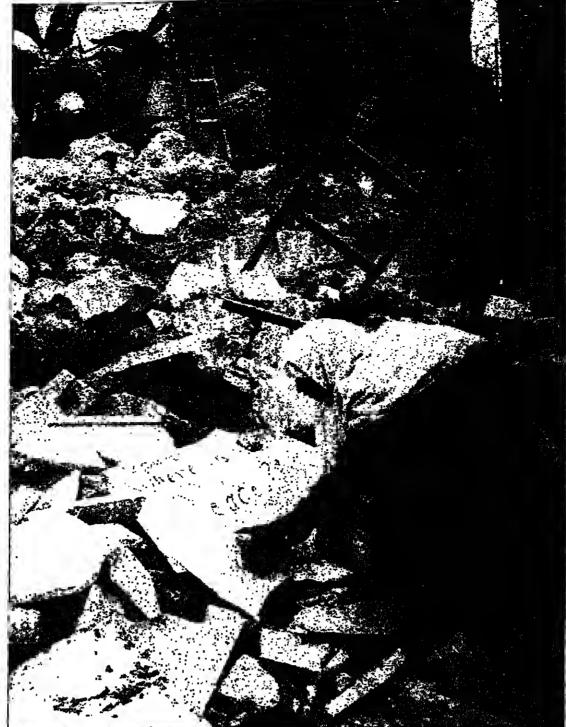
supported deportations.

method. Then we must do it.

"less than 100," and some have said it would include only male family membera of suicide bombers.

Peres opposed Yitzhak Rabin's decision to deport 415 Palestinians to southern Lehanon in 1992. The deportees were returned to the territories earlier than scheduled due to international pressure.

Peres's policies in dealing with Palestinians also came under fire vesterday from a different direction. MK David Levy said on Erev Hadash that it was "cruel" for Israel to withhold food from the territories last week.



A woman places a sign yesterday in the rubble of Mohi Eddin Sharif's home. (Ariel Jerozolimski) added.

# Syria rejects conditions to resume talks

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria yesterday rejected demands by Prime Minister Shimon Peres that it take a tougher line against "terrorism" as a condition to itsume peace talks.

'Peres called back his negotiat-ing team in Maryland and set conditions for resumption that are rejected because no one dictates to Syrians their policy...," the official newspaper Tishreen said:

"Syria does not operate unless guided by its beliefs?" Syrian-Israeli peace taiks broke off after the wave of suicide bombings in Israel between February 25 and March 4 in which 59 people were killed.

Peres said flast week talks

would not resume unless Dames cus condemned "terrorism."

Israel and the United States want Syria to close offices in Damascus of radical Palestinian groups, including Hamas. Syria refuses, saying there are similar Israeli hard-liners operating free ly in Israel

"Syria condemned terrorism in all occasions but distinguished between terrorism and the least mate resistance to occupies

Tishreen said.
"Israelis consider any Palesin. ian or Lebanese who seeks to return his land a terrorist and this is rejected because at the end it would complicate the peace process if it did not sabotage it," it

# IDF blows up home of suicide bomber

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Deportation is not a punishment. It is a

deterrent to further attacks," Barak said.

"When security elements propose using this

But Justice Minister David Liba'i said de-

portations usually had detrimental effects on

Israel and brought condemnations. He pro-

THE army evacuated all residents from Fawar refugee camp near Hebron yesterday, and gathered them on a nearby hill to watch the demolition of the home of the suicide bomber who killed one person and wounded 31 in Ashkelon last month.

Near Tulkarm, the army raided the village of Karawat Bani Hasan and arrested 35 men suspected of being members of Hamas or giving aid to terrorists. The men were handed over to security officials for interrogation, the army said. Troops clamped a curfew on the

In a further move to wipe out Hamas and deter Islamic terrorism, Prime Minister Shimon Peres repeated that Israel intended to

Inis is not a wholesale deportation, we are not talking about the deportation of women, children, families or just anyone, but there are instances where deportations can be carried out under the law," Peres said.

deterrence," he added.

CENTRAL District police in-

creased its security activities by

43 percent over the past year,

because of the sensitivity of the

areas bordering the Green line,

district chief Cmdr. Shlomo

teams to deal with security mat-

ters, it is in need of additional

manpower to combat regular

crime, be said. Overall crime rose

by 8% last year, he said. Present-

ing the district's 1995 statistics to

Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz

and other police brass at a confer-

ence in Mazkeret Batya, Aharon-

ishky said the car theft unit recov-

ered over 1,000 stolen vehicles,

arresting 158 suspects. In 1995

more than 11,000 vehicles were

stolen from the area stretching

from Rehovot to Netanya - a

third of all vehicles stolen nation-

wide - compared with 8,715 in

While the force has sufficient

Aharonishky said yesterday.

deport a number of Hamas activists.

"We are deporting now for the sake of

Police statistics: 11,000

cars stolen last year

in center of country

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Drug offenses also increased in

the area in 1995, with more than

50% more files opened against sus-

pected offenders; including 114

files on suspected dealers and over

Some 20,152 Arabs from the

territories illegally in the district

were rounded up during 1995,

compared with 8,944 the previous

viously the top priority, but police

must also crack down on serious

crime, including drug trafficking,

Hefetz later described the state

of the country as "critical ... Police

are currently busy trying to pre-

vent further terror attacks at a time

when our weak spots were ex-

posed, leaving us vulnerable and

open to infiltration."

car theft, and white collar crime.

600 on abusers.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak also bus the same day of the Ashkelon attack. But

posed keeping the militants "inside our control." In Fawar, the moment sappers blew up the house of Ibrahim Sarahneh residents began screaming curses and shonting "Allahu Akbar." Angry youths hurled stones at sol-

diers. Soldiers replied with live rounds into ers. There were no reported injuries. A bulldozer plowed over all traces of the cement house.

Soldiers then brought up a tractor to demolish the sealed home of Majdi Abu Wardeh, who killed 25 people on Jerusalem's No. 18 at the last minute they retreated without destroying the house.

Lt.-Col. Gil. the area commander, told Israel Radio the delay was for "technical rea- puted ability to curb the activities sons," But Channel 2 said the army was concerned that destroying the house, nudged between other cement houses, would damage the neighboring structures.

Yesterday evening, the army destroyed the house of Abdel-Majid Dodin in the village of Al Bourj. Dodin is serving a 12-year sentence in a Palestinian Authority jail in Jericho for aiding the suicide bomber who blew himself up on the No. 26 bus in Jerusalem last August,

Four other houses in Judea and Samaria are slated for destruction, after the Supreme thority to speak or make deals in Court rejected petitions filed by the suicide its name. bombers' families.

The families whose homes were demolished were to be staying in tents provided by the International Red Cross, the AP reported. Meanwhile, the IDF announced the closure

would be eased today to allow men under the age of 30 to work in the Erez industrial area.

#### SYRIA has been given ample opportunity in the distant and most recent past to demonstrate its re-

of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah. However, Hizbullah proved yesterday, once again, that it does not give a hoot for American diplomacy, Syrian pressure (if indeed any has been applied), or Israel's threats.

Hizbullah's deadly attack in the central sector sent a clear message to the US, Israel, and the Syrians: that nobody but Hizbullah has the power or the au-

The reported suicide bombing also demonstrated the relative ease with which members of the Islamic Resistance, Hizhullah's fighting arm, can penetrate the zone and perpetrate a pinpoint

There is no doubt that in

# PA hands out death sentence for first time

(Reuter) - A Gaza court sentenced three Palestinians to death by hanging yesterday for murdering a moneychanger, the first time Palestinian Authority judges have invoked capital punishment.

Khaled al-Qidra, PA attorneygeneral, said the three men cousins in their 20s - have 10 days to file an appeal. Maitar, Salah, and Wael al-

Shobaky were convicted by a three-judge Criminal Court of murdering Palestinian moneychanger Ahdallah Shehada, 50, in Gaza City.

They hit him on the head with a hammer in their car and stole several thousand dollars from him on February 29, prosecutors said. The three pleaded guilty to the

murder charge. A fourth defendant. M'amoun Aitalia, pleaded innocent, hut the court convicted him of being an accessory and sentenced him to life imprisonment with hard labor. Qidra said prosecutors will ap-

peal against the jail sentence and ask a higher court to order Attalla's execution as well.

All four men were arrested by Palestinian police in the first week of March and their trial, which stretched for several lengthy sessions, made headlines in the local press.

### Hizbullah is its own master COMMENT against a specific person - Col.

addition to improving its explosive technology and methods of detonating these sophisticated devices, Hizbullah has also acquired far more accurate and detailed intelligence than in the

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It seems more than likely that Hizbullah is receiving such information from residents of the zone and, quite possibly, from SLA defectors or collaborators, who are well acquainted with the IDF's mode of operations.

Hizbullah issned a statement after the attack saying it knew who was in the convoy, which if correct would be very serious

According to Hizbullah, the other bomb attack in the heart of Bint Ibail township, in the zone's western sector, was directed

Akel Hashem, the SLA commander in the region and a senior member of the force.

- This operation, too, appeared designed to carry a message to the IDF, but more so to the SLA and residents of the security zone: that Hizbullah can strike at a designated, individual target wherever and whenever it wants.

That attack did not succeed completely, but the message has undonbtedly been absorbed by the already worried residents of the zone, where Israel's status is being eroded and the battle-hardened image of the IDF is tarnishing in the eyes of the local population.

In such circumstances it will take more than threats and diplomatic efforts to redress the balance and restore the residents' trust in the IDF and its deterrent

# **IDF**, police test new security equipment at borders

**RAINE MARCUS** 

THE police and the IDF this week tested new security equipment for examining vehicles at the Erez checkpoint and at the Lehanese border, in response to the recent terror attacks.

Companies here and ahroad are offering their anti-terror equipment for testing, following the pledge of \$100 million by US President Bill Clinton for hi-tech equipment for Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal's separation plan and the prevention of terror attacks.

The Under Vehicle Surveillance System, imported by the Israeli TAR company from Britain, provides an electronic picture of the underside of vehicles at a remote terminal, and can identify bombs and other objects attached to them. It is in use at both ends of the Eurotunnel. According to TAR, the data

may he computerized and the equipment thus also be used for vehicle identification, to help recover stolen cars being smnggled into the territories and Gaza. The surveillance system was tested this week at the Good

Fence at Rosh Hanikra, checking vehicles crossing into Israel. On Tuesday, it was tested in Gaza on around 50 vehicles. The system may also be used in conjunction with explosives detectors used at checkpoints, both the kind in use here and the type being sent from the US. The Bor-

der Police and IDF use such detectors at Erez and other

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Palestinian women who protested outside Nablus jail against the arrest of relatives.

its charter while Israel keeps the self-rule areas closed, an adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday. "As long as the Gaza Strip and West Bank are under siege, and as long as Israet does not respond to our conditions, the PNC [Palestine National Council] session cannot be hetd,' Khaled Salam said. Under the Oslo accords, the PLO is obliged to convene the PNC by May 7 to amend the parts of its

Jordan arrests Islamic militants

About 20 Moslem militants have been arrested for allegedly

Last month, Fogel said the concert details were not final, although music director Daniel Barenboim talked about it

#### charter calling for the destruction of Israel. Describing goals for 1996, Aharonishky said internal security is ob-

Plans for a Chicago Symphony Orchestra trip this summer to Israel for Jerusalem 3000 celehrations have been called off.

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William Davidson

Loreen and David Hermelin

**Oded Tyrah** and his family

on the passing of their beloved

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May his memory continue as a blessing.

PA police club women demonstrators Palestinian police yesterday clubbed and kicked dozens of

About 50 women demanded the release of husbands, sons and brothers arrested in the recent crackdown on members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. "Our sons are not terrorists, they are honorable men," said a hanner carried by the

PLO says PNC won't meet during closure The Palestinian National Council will not convene to amend

plotting to attack Jordanian politicians and to destabilize the kingdom, Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti said yesterday. The arrests appeared to be aimed at appeasing Israel and restraining Jordan's Moslem fundamentalists. However, Kabariti told lawmakers in a closed-door session Tuesday the arrests were made after security authorities foiled numerous sabotage attempts over the last six months.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra cancels visit Concern for the orchestra's safety was the reason given for executive director Henry Fogel's decision to cancel the trip.

# Hungary to vote on giving survivors pensions

THE Hungarian cabinet is expected to approve a plan today that would provide thousands of Holocaust survivors with monthly pensions, sources at the World Jewish Restitution Organization confirmed yesterday.

The pensions, estimated to be

\$50 a month, would be paid by

NEW YORK the government, acting as the

agent of a new foundation set up by the Hungarian Jewish community and the WJRO. In effect, the government pen-

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sions would constitute a sort of loan to the foundation, which would earn an income in the future from the use and sale of renumed Jewish property.

The Hungarian plan is seen as a breakthrough for Jewish communities in the former Eastern

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# Lastminute appeal holds up Har Homa plan

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THE cootroversial plan to build a Jewish oeighborhood at Har Homa - on land annexed to Jerusalem in 1967 - has again been halted, this time by a lastminnte court appeal.

David Meir, director of the Makor development company, which has been fighting the plan for years, charged in his appeal that the commission acted in bad faith. Meir's company owns a large tract of the land expropriated by the government for the project.

The District Commission approved the project oo Tuesday at about 11 a.m., but minutes later the commission secretary was issued a court injunction barring discussion of the plan until at least next week, the Interior Ministry spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the plan must be signed by Interior Minister Haim Ramoo before becoming official, and that Ramoo would not even consider signing until after the appeal is heard on Tuesday.

Ramon has stated be will give the go-ahead for the construction of a Jewish neighborhood at the site. Several groups led by Peace Now, are demanding he not sign.

The Har Homa neighborhood has been in the planning stage for years. It has been repeatedly held up hy oppositioo by Jewish and Arab landowners and international pressure.

The commission and the Housing and Interior ministries were given until Sunday to reply in writing to Meir's appeal, .which claims the authorities did not properly review the objections filed against the plan.

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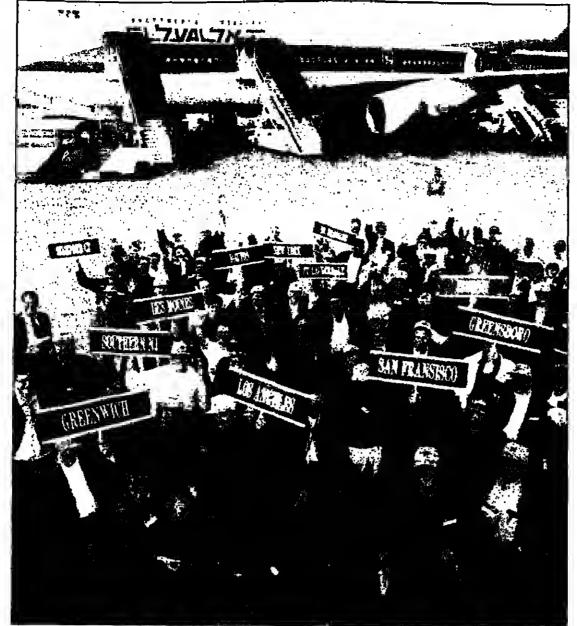
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Participants in the UJA's 'Am Ehad' solidarity mission and 'Capital to Capital' young leadership cabinet arrive at Ben-Gurioo Airport yesterday.

# Secondary school teachers on strike

SECONDARY school teachers will not teach today in protest over the Treasury and Histadrut's refusal to allow their union to be a party to the agreement being

worked out on pension rights.

The Secondary School Teachers' Association claims that hy preventing it from signing the agreement, it will not he able to effectively defend the rights of its members.

Association head Shosh Oren said she would not agree to the Histadrut "looking out for its members after it negligently managed the pension funds and brought them to their present state and then agreed to a pension plan which harmed the rights of our members." Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz responded by say-

ing that it seems as if Oren is trying to "exploit the struggle that the hig unions are waging for the workers in order to advance the teacher's union."

The pension funds will not be used as a tool in the prestige struggle between the Histadrut Teachers' Union and the Secondary School Teacher's Association," he said.

The Histadrut spokesman said the pension agreement is between the Histadrut, as the operator of the pension funds, and the Treasury.

"The Secondary School Teachers' Association members belong to the Histadrut funds. There are other unions who have more members in the funds,' the spokesman said.

# Alternative burial societies get licenses

FOUR burial societies which plan to offer alternative types of burial are to receive licenses to do so from Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet today.

The societies include Menuha Nehona branches in Haifa, Jerusalem, and Beersheha and Mishkenot Olam in Tel Aviv. Although the licenses represent the first step in the setting up of alternative cemeteries, it could be a matter of years before any actual hurials take place.

Oded Irron, head of the Jerusalem Menuha Nehona, said that it is only after the society receives its license that it can acquire land. In the past, he said, the Religious Affairs Ministry had denied a license because the group had no land, and the Israel Lands Administration would not allocate land because the society

It will take some ome before alternative hurials take place in Jerusalem, he noted, since there is a chronic shortage of burial plots and every proposed cemetery site has thus far been rejected.

As a short-term solution, he said, the Givat Shaul Cemetery could be expanded, in which case Menuha Nehona would expect to be allocated its section. Even then, he said, it would be two years hefore plots would be available for burials.

Jonathan Friedland, head of the Haifa Menuha Nehona, said that there, too, the first alternative huriais would take place in about two years. The society, he said. expects to be allocated a section in the planned cemetery at Tel Regev, near the Yagur junction. Irron said that Menuha Nehona

defines itself as pluralistic. If includes the Conservative and Reform communities, each of which would conduct religious funerals according to its tradition. There would also be the opportunity for secular funerals, in the tradition of the kibbutzim or according to individual wishes.

Irron added that Menuha Nehona also expects to have some Orthodox hurials, for those who are observant but unwilling to use existing burial societies or for those who wish to be huried alongside family members in the

Menuha Nehona plot. "We are prepared for those as well," he said.

Iron added that unless a family has some extraordinary demand the society would be able to work within the limits of free hurial financed by the National Insurance Institute.

# Former Maccabi head gets 6 months' community service

FORMER Maccabi Health Fund director-general Rafi Roter, convicted of fraud for a loan given to the Procardia company, was sentenced to six months' community service and fined NIS 101,000 by Tel

Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. Roter, who served in the post for 14 years, was convicted of using Maccabi's tax-free status to give the loan to the private company. Yisrael Rotem, head of Procardia, which is partially owned by Maccabi and provides recuperation services to heart patients, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment and fined NIS 111,000. Both companies were also convicted of

The request for the \$4 million, interest-free loan to Procardia was brought before the Maccabi finance

committee for approval. Roter, who was the committee head, approved the loan. Procardia used the funds to buy the Basel hotel in Tel Aviv, where it set up its recuperation facility.

However, in 1988, an additional agreement regard-

ing the loan was found in the safes at Maccahi, which stated that the loan was to be dollar-linked and carry 6.5 percent interest a year. The prosecution argued that the interest was listed

as coming from discounts and supervisory fees, and thus Maccabi could avoid paying taxes on the profit from the loan. The indictment against the two also related to their

hiring a private detective for personal aims and paying for the services out of Maccabi's funds. (Itim)

# Hospital plan aims to add beds

Sneh: Demand growing as people age

JUDY SIEGEL

A NATIONAL hospitalization plan for the year 2000 has been presented to the government by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, with the aim of increasing the number of general hospital beds hy 3,200 and geriatric beds hy 6,500.

jected Israeli population of 6.25 million hy the year 2000 will require the additional beds. The aging of the population, said Sneh, also requires a significant growth in hospital facilities.

In 1994, there were 2.29 beds per 1,000 residents; the increment will boost this to 2.52 per 1,000. The hospital bed/population ratio in Israel is well below average compared to most Western coun-

Additional beds are needed in

nearly every type of department, but the greatest increment is required in internal medicine departments (which would get 1,657 beds under the plan) treating the elderly, and obstetrics departments and neonatal units (requiring 606 beds). Laniado Hospital in Netanya would grow to 400 beds, while Nahariya, Hillel Yaffe (Hadera), Ha'emek (Afula), Meir (Kfar Sava), Kaplan (Rehovot), and Barzilai (Ashkelon) hospitals would grow

to 600-650 beds. Two new hospitals would be established, one in the Haifa suburhs and another in Rishon Lezion, Sneh proposed. Beyond 2000, additional hospitals should he considered in Netanya. Ashdod, Modi in and the Negev,

# IDF: 94% of army proud to serve

A TOTAL of 94 percent of inductees are proud of the work they will be performing in the IDF and 84% very much want to succeed in the army, according to a report presented yesterday to Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Shefer, and other high-ranking officers accompanied Peres yesterday morning to the Tel Hashomer Induction Center, where he was presented the results of a survey conducted by the IDF's behavioral sciences division.

Most of the March inductees will be joining units for which they had to volunteer, such as pilot and seamanship training, Peres was told.

Peres ended his visit hy meering with inductees who will be joining

the Golani Brigade and similar units in the next few days. (Itim)

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TV to air more Jewish-oriented shows

Shohat approves NIS 1m. for programs which promote Jewish values

produce programs on such subjects and allocate time slots if they had the hudget to pro-

As a result of Shohat's agreement, the Government Publicity Office issued a call for ideas for TV programs on Jewish subiects. Dozens of producers and writers have already offered to work on such projects. A committee of experts will go over the proposals and chose the hest, according to Amital's media adviser, Yisrael Cohen.

that a significant number of residents are A Modi'in Ezrahi survey commissioned by Amital meet recently with broadcasting Amital's hureau found that TV shows on curofficials and found that they were willing to rent subjects related to Judaism are of inter-

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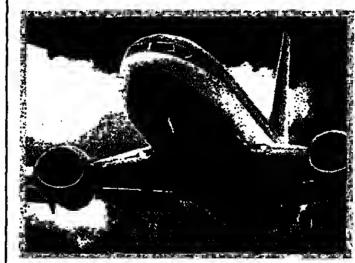
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est to 61%; documentary films on Jewish life around the world appeal to 52%; 48% want to watch it v denates netween religious and secular Jews: 45% want to see a film or dramatic series dealing with different periods of Jewish history; and 37% would watch a puhlic "trial" debating ethical dilemmas relating to Jewish questions. Less of interest were Jewish holidays and the Torah portion of the

Cohen said the programs will not be hroadcast within the framework of "religious programming" for a limited observant audience. as was done in the past. Instead, "they will be aimed at a broader audience and be interesting enough to be hroadcast at prime time and win high viewer ratings."

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Beit She'an sanctions continue

Workers at the Beit She'an archeological park continued their sanctions yesterday morning, despite a court order obtained Tuesday hy the Anoquioes Authority against their closing the site in protest of planned firings.

Tourists who arrived yesterday morning at the site were turned back for the fourth straight day hy the workers, who blocked the entrance and hurned tires.

20 hurt in Jerusalem fire

Twenty people suffered light injuries from smoke inhalation when a fire broke out very early yesterday morning in an eight-story apartment huilding in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighborhood.

The hlaze was caused by a short circuit in a circuit breaker box on the ground floor of the building, the fire department said. The residents gathered on their porches and the roof of the building, and firefighters called on them to wait to be evacuated and to not try to climb down or jump. After the building's electricity was shut off, the firefighters began to put out the fire, quickly bringing it under control.

Couple crushed to death by truck

A couple from moshav Yesud Hama'ala, were crushed to death yesterday morning hy a truck driven by a member of nearby kibbutz Kfar Szold. The Harashs, who have four children, had been on their daily early morning walk around the moshav.

David Bowie coming to Tel Aviv

British pop star David Bowie is expected to perform at the Yarkon Park in Tel Aviv on July 3. Bowie, whose most recent album was 1995's Outside, made a name for himself in the '70s with albums such as Ziggy Stardust, Heroes, and Diamond Dogs.

Aloni named 'Humanist of the Year'

Arts and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni was named the Humanist of the Year by the Israel Association for Secular Humanistic Judaism yesterday.

The award was given "in recognition of her contribution over many years to the promotion of awareness toward secular humanistic Judaism ... and her unremitting struggle for individual and civil

Burg meets with Menem

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg yesterday delivered a message on fighting terrorism from Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Argentinian President Carlos Menem, the agency spokesman said. Burg is on a 10-day visit to South America.

Menem promised he would not rest until the perpetrators of the bombings of the Israeli Embassy four years ago and the Lewish community huilding in July 1994 were brought to justice. He said he would personally support the death penalty for the terrorists.

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# Lee okays union with a democratic China

TAIWAN'S president, making a conciliatory gesture amid threatening Chinese war games, said yesterday he wants better relations and eventual reunification.

But President Lee Teng-hui said China first has to be democratic, and Taiwan stands united against military intimidation before weekend presidental elections.

In an attempt m quell indepen-dence sentiment, China has been holding war games in two parts of the 145-km-wide Taiwan Straits.

One set held 120 km southwest of Taiwan ended yesterday after nine days of maneuvers, China's Xinhua News Agency said.

In the second area, just 18 km from outlying Taiwanese islands, "only a few ship activities" took place, perhaps because of bad weather, Taiwan's Defense Ministry

It said there was no sign of largescale joint exercises by China's army, navy and air force."

Taiwan is ruled by the Nationalists, who fled in 1949 after losing a civil war to the Communists. Both governments say the island and China are one

We have with good will extended both hands to our compatriots on the Chinese mainland," Lee said at

a news conference with foreign reporters.

We would like in the future to have China unified, in freedom (and) democracy."

Lee's running mate. Lien Chan, said Taiwan wants to resume talks on economic and political ties.

"We are interested in seriously negotiating a peace agreement between the two sides of the straits," he said. "The content of this agreement is something that should be left for the future. But the major thing for improvement would be the

renunciation of the use of force." Lien also thanked the US for its moral support underscored by n second US Navy battlegroup head-ing inm the Malacca Strait on its final run into waters off Taiwan.

But China, which labelled the US decision to send naval battlegroups mwards Taiwan as a "brazen show of force", showed no signs of easing pressure on Taiwan as the island prepared for its first direct presidendal election.

The American aircraft carrier USS Independence and other warships arepatrolling near Taiwan, an act that China says has fanned tensions.

Another aircraft carrier is en route

Hong Kong's Beijing-financed Wen Wei Po oewspaper quoted Chinese military expens as saying it would take just five or six hours for PLA troops to cross the 209-km

A western diplomat in Beijing dismissed this view, saying the claim was part of the drive to inomidate Taiwan's voters.

US Defense Secretary William Perry and other US experts have said China does not have the capability to invade Taiwan. Defense strategists from China,

Taiwan, Thailand and the

Philippines, meeting in Sampran, Thailand, said China's military exercises were just a show of force and unlikely m result in war. The vote by Taiwanese for their president is to be the culmination of

formed it from a military dictatorship into a democracy.

China, angered at Lee's recent attempts to raise Taiwan's international profile, has accused him of preparing to declare independence. and launched the war games last

a decade of reforms that have trans-

week as a warning. The war games have rattled Taiwan's financial markets and triggered panic buying of US dollars.



Taiwan's President Lee Teng-Hui gives a thumbs-up sign as Taipei City Council speaker Chen Chien-chih (left) looks on during a

# Quake rocks northwest China

earthquake of 6.9 magnitude jolted a centuries-old trading center along the Silk Road in China's remote northwest, killing at least 24 people and leaving more than

10,000 homeless.
More than 78 people were injured in the quake, which struck at 11 p.m. Beijing time, officials at earthquake bureaus said yesterday. The epicenter of the quake was about 60 km northeast of Kashgar, a city of 240,000 in far

west Xinjiang, near Pakistan. The forbidding desert area, dotted with low-lying mountains, is sparsely populated. Small towns

are built around scattered oases. The death toll was expected to rise because by late yesterday reports bad been received from only one village in Jiashi County. just south of the epicenter.

Communications links were knocked out in some of the hardest-hit areas, making immediate assessment of damage and casualties difficult.

Seventeen of those killed were children under the age of 8, said Bake Aji, director of the Kashgar Seismology Bureau.

They were home watching tele-

vision and couldn't get out fast enough when the earthquake hit," Bake said. China has no time zones despite its vast size, so 11 p.m. in Xinjiang is actually evening.

Bake said nine of the injured

were hurt seriously by collapsing walls and roofs. In Jiashi, soldiers and local officials were distributing tents to homeless families, said Zhang

Yunfeng of the Xinjiang Seismology Bureau. Temperatures were around freezing yesterday and were expected to drop to minus 10C overnight, he said.

# Dole finally nails down nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Dole says his quick wrap up of the Republican presidential nomination shows he ofters "the right agenda for the next generation." but admits the prospect of being

president is "scary."
What looms is the selection of a running mate - a delicate matter and a renewed threat of a Ross Perot third-party candidacy.

Solid victories in four Midwestern states on Tuesday. coming exactly a month after a humiliating loss to commentator Pat Buchanan in New Hampshire. nailed down the party's nomination for the 72-year-old Dole. He had first sought it 16 years ago. "The moral of the story is if you

said in an interview broadcast yesterday on CBS television. "It's scary in a sense that you want to be sure you can do it," he added. "I'm convinced I can."

keep on trying you can win," Dole

With Buchanan reduced to nuisance status. Dole is also planning to give himself a week off soon in the Florida sunshine.

For now "I'm going to be a fulltime senator," Dole said, following his strategy of using his Republican leadership position to carry the fight to the president.

In a first skirmish yesterday, the

rivals agreed to a White House meeting for one more effort to settle their year-long dispute over how to balance the government's budget and still preserve their competing priorities.

Dole's intention is to use Republican majorities to put before Clintoo bills - tax cuts. welfare reform, regulatory reform

bearing the Republican stamp. The idea is to make Clinton choose between going along or being charged as defender of the status quo.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said the unique situation would challenge both Dole and Clinton

"I think it's going to be a test of his leadership," Panetta said of Dole on an NBC TV morning.

Dole predicted that Clinton's edge in head-to-head polls against! him would melt away now that Dole is the clear candidate. "We're going to be hard at work" convincing the American people we have the right agenda for the next generation and the next cen-



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# Winnie Mandela calls her divorce a 'travesty of justice'

IOHANNESBURG (AP) - Winnie Mandela called her divorce a "travesty of justice" yesterday and said she was consideriog appealing to the oatioo's highest

Adding her maiden name to ber married name, Madikizela-Mandela issued a combative statement a day after President Nelson Mandela was granted a divorce from her amid allegations of adultery.

Madikizela-Mandela bad fired her lawyer momeots before the judge granted the divorce. She complained yesterday she had been forced to represent herself, and that the judge had refused to wait for ber to bring

"For the court to say the evidence we propose to lead cannot conceivably take the matter any further eveo before hearing that evidence, to a lay-persoo like me, is a travesty of justice," she said in the state-

"My ex-husband bas fought all his life against this kind of injustice. That such injustice bappened in his presence undermines everything our marriage was all

It was not clear that Madikizela-Mandela had grounds for the Constitutional Court appeal she said she was considering.

But ber statement showed her determination not to. quietly end a 38-year marriage that had symbolized struggle against white minority rule, yet collapsed as the black majority came to power.

In his own short statement Mandela said he regret-

ted "that my ex-wife could not bring herself to negotiate an amicable settlement. It would have saved us, both and our children much pain."

Madikizela-Mandela had failed to appear in court earlier yesterday for a financial settlement hearing. prompting the judge to dismiss her claim for half of Mandela's assets. Mandela later offered an unspecified out-of-court settlement.

Madikizela-Mandela had estimated her busband's:

worth at 40 million rand (NIS 31 m.). But in an affidavit filed prior to the court case, Mandela described his worth as "not of conse-

quence.' His salary is 552,000 rand (NIS 426,000) a year and most of his income from a best-selling autohiography goes to charity.

Mandela, 77, asked for a divorce last year, expressing hope for a quiet settlement. Madikizela-Mandela, 60, refused, forcing this week's formal divorce pro-

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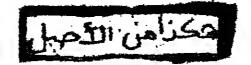
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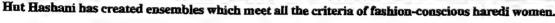
RE-Pessah shopping is not limited to cleaning agents and food products. In many households, it's a tradition to buy new clothes for the holiday. Because the festival coincides with spring, it's only natural that most of the clothes available for women have sleeves, necklines and hemlines which are out of place in observant circles.

Local manufacturers have been very shortsighted when it comes to catering for women whose mode of attire is governed by halachic regulations. Since many religious women attend frequent social occasions, it is important for them to have several good outfits.

The big religious market is growing. What was once a large car showroom in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Romema has recently been converted into clothing retail outlets geared to an Orthodox clientele. One section is devoted to menswear imported mainly from Italy, while the other sells ladies' fashions imported from the US.

For those who prefer to wear israeli labeis. Hut Hashani, located in Karnei Shomron, has created reasonably priced two- and threepiece ensembles which meet all the criteria of the fashion-conscious haredi woman. Combining solids with checks, stripes, spots and prints, the outfits allow for maximum mix-and-match flexi-





Moreover, the designers, well aware that haredi women in the 20-50 age group spend much of their lives in a state of pregnancy, have created loose-fitting garments, which in most cases can be worn up until the fifth or sixth

month, but which don't look the least bit hulky or oversized on women who are not pregnant. Available in stores all over the

country, including those which also cater to secular tastes, Hut Hashani clothes will also prove a boon to

those women who just don't feel comfortable exposing more than the minimal amount of flesh.

#### returned her bill to the IBA licensing manager in Jerusalem, with a

Some of the garments will also be snapped up by New Age hippies who like long skirts and patchwork on everything.

cover letter asking to be sent a cor-rected version. Two weeks later there was still no response and S.H. faxed her request to the Tel Aviv office (whose number is listed on her bill), with a copy to the

> was forthcoming.
> S.H. is furious. "What is the point of giving telephone numbers to ring," sbe asks, "if it is impossi-

Jerusalem office. Again, no reply

S.H. received notification

As to pay ber TV license fee

(agrat hatelevizia) in four install-

ments, the first of which was due

in February. Since she pays this

fee via a standing order at the

bank, the bill would normally be

of little concern to her. But S.H.

had reason to pay close attention. Friends told her that, as a pen-

sioner, she was now entitled to a

50 percent discount. The bill she

received showed no indication of

this new benefit, however. When

she inquired about the bill and the

discount at the bank, she was told

by a clerk that no change bad been

made in her standing order. So S.H. phoned the local office

of the Israel Broadcasting

Authority in Netanya to ask bow

she should proceed to ensure that

the bank would acknowledge the discount. The constant busy signal

caused her to dial, one after the

other, every branch listed on her

bill, in an attempt to reach an IBA

employee, somewhere, who

To her dismay, the busy signal resounded around the clock, around

the country, for days on end. When

her cramped index finger could stand it no longer, S.H. resorted to

the mail. In mid-January, she

would answer her questions.

# **RUTHIE BLUM**

ble to get through?" Furthermore, she is concerned about the first payment baving been made via standing order, without having received the discount.

I was able to reach the central collection department of the IBA. According to this office, S.H. has

nothing to worry about.

A quick feeding of S.H.'s ID number into the IBA computer revealed that the discounted price was deducted from her bank account. The confusion on the part of S.H., as well as on the part of an unaware bank clerk, was due to the fact that this particular addition to the Senior Citizens Act went into effect only at the beginning of February. As a result, many old IBA notices for TV fees had already been sent out.

THE SOLUTION, according to collection department director Avi Katz is as follows: Those senior citizens who have a standing order at the bank will be billed in accordance with the new law automatically (four times a year), and those who pay directly - to either the IBA or the bank - will be billed only for the first two installments. In simple terms, the new law reduces the annual fee for senior citizens from NIS 417 to NIS 208.50, whether paid twice or four times a year.

Regarding the incessant busy signals, the IBA claims to have been swamped over the last couple of months with hundreds of calls. Perhaps, if they had taken the time to inform the hanks of the new arrangement, citizens such as S.H. would not have felt the need to phone.

Unfortunately, a great deal of confusion among senior citizens has arisen over legislation which directly affects them. One exasperated pensioner commented: "I can't be expected to walk around toting lnw books wherever I go!" Another pointed out: "Reading fine print is unpleasant for any consumer, but for most senior citizens - whose eyesight is failing -

it is practically impossible." If you are among the perplexed older generation, you may not be aware that the National Insurance Institute provides a free information service for senior citizens. Located within every branch of the NIL Service for the Aged (sherut have 'ut: lekashish) employs thousands of volunteers countrywide to advise and assist golden agers, as well as to pay bome visits.

These volunteers are trained to deal with a wide range of problems, both personal and technical. Well-versed in the ins and outs of Israeli bureaucracy - particularly where relevant to seniors - they can answer questions relating to legal rights and financial benefits which so many pensioners find daunting or unclear.

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# Licking the communication thing

OME years ago I grew tired of searching through tele-phone directories for frequently used numbers. So I took a few pages at the

back of my homemade organizer (basically an old ring binder). divided the sheets into two and listed names in the first column and phone numbers in the second. The system was an immediate success and soon led to more and more numbers being listed. I found numbers quickly and efficiently, I could call the washingmachine repairman or electrician within seconds of a breakdown.

Things progressed. To make the index more efficient I separated the work numbers from the home numbers by adding a third : column. The pages began to look professional and the amount of numbers steadily grew. I noticed that I hardly ever deleted numbers - wbo knows when you might need to contact that fellow

Then fax machines became popular and I carefully added a fourth column. I bad to reduce the size of the writing at this point as the columns were taking more than their fair share of the page. The fax machine saved me many trips to stores and government departments. The number of entries increased dramatically.

With the appearance, two or three years ago. of cellular phones, I had to turn the pages through 90 degrees - to landscape format - and painstakingly rewrite all the lists to accommodate the extra column of numbers. As the TV repairman, whose cel-



lular phone rings all the time - especially when he bas both hands deep in the dark cavern at the back of my set - said: "You wouldn't want to be caught without your TV set on Eurovision night."

It took me the best part of a month to redo my telephone index, but now I have this communication thing licked. 1 though).

THAT WAS up to last month.

when I became an Internet subscriber. Suddenly everyone 1 may need to call offers me business cards filled with very small print, specifying all the ways that I can make contact. Top among the means is an E-mail address and a

site on the Internet. These two addresses, which I shall have 10 add to my index, are not easy. (As it is, phone and fax numbers are increasing from six to seven digits, and cellular phone

numbers have nine digits.) There seems to he no limit to the length of E-mail addresses or cyberspace numbers. No one makes index books wide enough to handle the mass of communication information I carry around.
1 conceded defeat and timidly

entered a computer software store. I explained my problem to a 16year-old salesman and ended up buying a database program which, according to him, will store all the information 1 enter, sort it alphabetically, by numbers, by price, or any way I choose.

He explained that the program had space for the numbers that are still to come, such as one's satellile call-up code, your videophone number and who knows, the way things are going, your number in the next world.

If I need the plumber in an emergency because the main water pipe has burst and the water is rising at a terrifying rate in the basement, I simply have to do the following:

· Pray that the computer is feeling well and switch it on.

· Wait for it to click, whir and reach operating temperature. Find the database icon on the screen and click on it.

· Locate the plumber's number. I can instruct the computer to dial it for me, but I still have to shout 'Help!" on my own.

I have been able to dispense with my outsize, dog-eared, tattered organizer which I designed to suit my own needs and which I loved so dearly. In its place I now wear a small silver disc on a chain around my neck. On it is engraved one number.

The computer repairman.

# 'New Man' down but not out

THE New Man, that gentle fellow always imagined in floppy flannel shirt and open sandals, has not been much in evidence of late.

Born of the 1970s, he proclaimed himself an advanced development of the species that does good, works in the kitchen and the nursery, and is active in the "green" movement.

He drove a car with a small engine rather than consume finite resources, and was proud to change diapers while his wife sorry, partner - tackled meaning-ful questions at her local feminist support group. He flourished, at least for a

while, in the more refined urban centers of east-coast America. Now there are signs of an attempted comeback.

Odd, because he always seemed thoroughly un-American. It is hard to imagine a New Man as cowboy, muscular hard-hat worker or steel-jawed corporate executive (a crude spectrum of the all-American ideal).

Even as a counter-culture rebel. he was pretty much killed off by the end of the 1980s as Camille Paglia and other best-selling leaders of the Y-chromosome-free cultural elite proclaimed that women should be women, men should be men, and spanking could be fun.

Extinction seemed certain when biological behaviorism became a fad of the Nineties, and Time magazine proclaimed that men were programmed to charge around fighting for survival, scattering their genes and targeting the

youngest possible women as prey. But now comes news that New Man is hanging on, and still preaching his gospel from the safe retreat of the university campus which may, indeed, be his natural habitat. Recently his seed has been cast

into the wider, wilder world in a book, Manhood in America: A Cultural History, by Professor Michael Kimmel, a sociologist al the University of New York. He believes that "there is a

malaise among American men," and his analysis of the American male through the two centuries of the republic has a lot going for it. As many American women will

tell you, the males of the nation can be a bit odd. They tend to be over-sensitive to gender slights, imbued with an odd mixture of egotistical psycho-babble and pioneer emotional reticence, and convincingly schooled in manly competition.

Kimmel charts the course of this development through various "prototypes," from the genteel patriarch of the Founding Father days, through the Heroic Artisan of Yankee culture, to the key figure of the Self-Made Man

the male seed has become overburdened with the requirements of Self-Made Maleness.

cally restless, anxious and don't American man defined by "bulges" - "wallets, crotches, biceps."

ven by an unending need to prove his worth in all three, never quite secure in his fortune, physique or physical union with his woman.

This all sounds reasonably convincing. The problem comes with the New Man prescription for a

tion" of masculinity for the 21st century, one based on male prowess in "compassion and nurturing." He tours the campuses telling students not to fear feminism but to "embrace it."

at news from the wilds of Arizona. There, Terry Clanton, a concil-

iatory, nurturing type, sought to re-bury an ancestor to reunite him with his family.

His ancestor, Ike Clanton, ran away from the fabled gunfight at the OK Corral outside the Arizona town of Tombstone, leaving his hrother and father to die before

with honors at Tombstone's Boot stones are admired by hundreds of thousands of tourists every year.

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# American assurances

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is entitled to decide that the IDF should exercise restraint in Lehanon and respond only defensively to Hizbullah provocations. He is Israel's leader and the decision is his. And since he believes that there is only a political solution to the relentless war being waged against Israel by this Syrian proxy army, it is only Ingical for him to refrain from irritating his partner to the

negotiations.

The US administration, too, is entitled to epeat hlunders in its assessment of Middle East dictators. It completely and tragically misread Saddam Hussein, certain that he would make an excellent, Western-oriented ally and friend. Believing his assurances of pacific intent with the same single-mindedness it now trusts Syria'a dictator Hafez Assad, it practically invited his invasion of Kuwait. But the US is a powerful superpower. It can afford not only to make momentous mistakes, hut to keep the officials who commit them in key State Department positions.

What may be a little puzzling is that even after being repeatedly cheated, misled and betrayed hy Assad in the past dozen years, the US still trusts his assurances that he will curb the Hizbullah. But for the US, Syria is not much more than a relatively insignificant tyranny. And it is not American soldiers who are at risk.

The soldiers who are losing their lives on the Lehanese border are Israeli. And it is the duty of Israel's prime minister not to trust irresponsible American assurances which may put Israeli soldiers at risk. He may even want to ponder if these assurances are as trustworthy as past American sedatives about Saddam's intentions. or as reliable as the intelligence the US is expected to provide Israel once the early warn-

ing stations on the Golan are relinquished. To talk about a political solution in Lehanon is fine. All wars end with a political solution. But to accommodate Syrian sensibilities and American daydreams and presidential elections by tying the hands of the Israeli army is unacceptable. All Israelis hope that Peres's vision nf peace with the Arab world will materialize before the year 2000. But they do not relish having Israeli soldiers serve as sitting ducks

# Charges over Jerusalem

T is not unusual for politicians to call each other liars. And, regrettably, much of the Lime there is good reason to assume that the epithets are not inaccurate. Nor is it surprising that as the election campaign heats up, the contestants' lexicon deteriorates alarmingly. But the current exchange between Minister Yossi Beilin and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is too important to be relegated to the garbage heap of campaign rhetoric. For what is at stake is the future of Jerusalem.

Some of the facts are indisputable: A proposal to divide Jerusalem, with detailed maps showing the lines of division, has been drawn up ty a Jerusalem think tank as one of three options for a solution, and submitted to several political leaders in government and the

There is, of course, nothing wrong with think tanks drawing up proposals for the possible use of politicians, nor should limits be placed on their ingenuity and imagination. But according to Olmert, the plan for conceding sovereignty in parts of Jerusalem to the Palestinians was given by Beilin to academicians Ya'ir Hirshfeld and Ron Pundak who in turn submitted it to the PA minister for Jerusalem affairs, Faisal Husseini. This is vehemently denied both by Hirshfeld and Pundak as well as Beilin who has called Olmert a liar.

Under normal circumstances, such denials would have been taken seriously. But the Beilin-Hirshfeld-Pundak trio is known as the team which initiated the Oslo process. In Oslo, too, the negotiations began as one of numerous routine meetings between leftist Israeli academics and the PLO, dedicated to the examination of proposals for an Israeli-Palestinian settlement. And then, too, Hirshfeld and Pundak kept their meetings with the Palestinians secret, reporting to Beilin, who informed then-foreign minister Shimon Peres.

It is this precedent which should give Israelis pause. Obviously, during an election campaign no Labor politician will admit the party is considering relinquishing Israeli sovereignty

Sir, - Another bucket of mud for

Hugh-Innes from David Bar-Illan.

Your readers must be tired, as I am.

The blame is yours. If you choose to

gn on and on defaming me, I have

nn choice but to clean the muck nff.

First you put nut a smear of "antisemitism." When I protested.

you told your readers, in effect "Ah,

that proves it." In fact, I've repeat-

edly disproved it. Sn now you pre-

tend you never made the charge -

while still insinuating that it's true.

2. Next you added another smear

almost filthier, just after the bus

bombings - about the murder of

children. I denied it - and you call

my denial "nnt relevant." Really?

So the difference between lie and

truth doesn't matter to David Bar-

Illan? And when someone with your

standards foully libels you, you will

think your denial "irrelevant," no

3. You also call my denial "not

4. You allege that I think Jews

verifiable." Wrong again, 1 verified

ARCHAIC SLOGAN

Sir. - Please drop your filler,

"huy hine and white and keep Israel

in the pink." It is an archaic slogan

for a dysfunctional protectionist

Or, conversely, you could drop

your constant editorial acidic criti-

cism of Pat Buchanan's isolationist

America. You can't have your cake

JAMES MARLOW

economic policy.

and export it too.

Tiberias.

it. Me, I check before writing.

doubt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**HUGH-JONES REPLIES** 

have no more right to Israel than

Amazon Indians to California. I

don't. I used this obviously inexact

analogy to an American, in an (evi-

dently vain) attempt to get her to see

why Palestinians resist, just as

5. Allegedly, I "flaunt dining with the chief rabbi as proof of [my]

liberalism." Untrue. I was rebutting

your antisemitism libel nn our pa-

Three columns back, you pro-

claimed that you review only our published articles." Now you ad-

mit that is untrue: you rely on CAM-

ERA's version of them. So now you

say that amounts to the same thing.

Untrue again. They are the distor-

tions of a pressure group as nostile

to us (and me) as you are. Still, if

you wish to advertise, yet again, that

Bar-Illan sees no difference between

fact and fiction, and wouldn't care

International Editor, The Economist

POOR TASTE

paper which calls itself a good paper

could have such bad taste as to pub-

lish Oleg's cartoon of February 27. I

have no words to condemn this gut-

ter humor and this at a time when the

last victims of the most recent

bombing had not even been buried

and the whole nation was in mourn-

ing, irrespective of political

L. TRATTNER

Sir,- I cannot understand how a

STEPHEN HUGH-JONES

Americans would.

per, not myself.

anyway, so be it.

London.

over any part of the city. On the contrary. Speaking before the 16th annual International Jerusalem Conference of Mayors this week. Peres vowed Jerusalem would never be divided, repeating the familiar formula: Jerusalem will remain the undivided capital of Israel forever. To make the point even stronger, Beilin said on Tuesday he will head the team that will bring Moslem-Arab recognition of Israeli sovereignty over an undivided Jerusalem, an act which, he said, will render the Likud superfluous.

The trouble with such braggadocio is that it has little foundation in reality. The simple fact is that no solution except a settlement which will grant the Palestinians sovereignty over the eastern part of Jerusalem, including most of the Old City, will be acceptable to the Arab world. And even that would be deemed only a temporary step.

Nor is it reasonable to suppose that Peres and Beilin are unaware of this incontrovertible fact. This is why Jerusalem (not just its eastern part, as PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath has pointed out) has been put on the negotiations table for the final status talks. There would have been no Oslo agreement without Israel's consent to negotiations over Jerusalem.

There is little doubt, then, that if Labor returns to power, the division of Jerusalem will become an option, if for no other reason than that Israel's refusal to consider it will cause the collapse of the Oslo process. Ironically, suicide bombings may actually increase support for such an option. While at this point a large majority of Israelis consider division unthinkable, additional terrorist strikes may make the popular desire to "separate" from the Palestinians, including the 150,000 Arab residents of Jerusalem, virtually irresistible.

Perhaps it is unrealistic to expect sober discussions of policy during an election campaign. But it would be nice if politicians who in devious secrecy cooked up the haphazard, unworkable and altogether disastrous Oslo agreement will at least have enough humility not to repeat past blunders.

FREEDOM OF

EXPRESSION

March 10. Never have I seen a newspaper like The Jerusalem Post

whose editorials and news pages

drip with such hatred towards nur

and every person including newspa-

per editors enjoys freedom of speech

and expression. But such freedom

has its limitations and responsibil-

ities. This applies even more to edi-

tors of the nuly English-language

Mr. Peres is our democratically

elected prime minister and does not

deserve the daily incitement which

was the lot of his predecessor. Peres

is doing his utmost to further this

peace process, for had he done less,

he would have been derelict in his

duties. The fact that he was able to

bring together President Clinton and

nther world leaders for the purpose

MUTUALLY ASSURED

DESTRUCTION

time for new ideas. In the Cold War.

the policy of Mutually Assured De-

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True, this is still a free country

prime minister, Shimon Peres.

Sir, -1 refer to your editorial of

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# Seen & heard at Sharm

uddled ingether over an intimate late lunch at Sharm e-Shelkh with two of Egypt's fiercest critics of Israel, Russian Fureign Minister Yevgeny Primakov hesitated before answering a direct questinn aimed at him from a writer of this column: "Will Russia back the protests against Iranian financing of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism in Israel?"

But then Primakny replied smoothly: "We don't believe that Iran finances Hamas nr Islamic Jihad, and so we can't pressure Teheran."

This response seemed music tn the ears of Primakov's luncheon companions, Amr Moussa, the Egyptian fireign minister whn is never lacking in hostile intent toward Israel, and Osama el-Baz, President Mubarak's bad-mouther of Israel. Mubarak's puppetmaster, el-Baz is the Egyptian official who manipulates Yasser Arafat.

As if to throw a bone in Israel's direction, the urbane Russian then suggested that "Maybe Iran helps Hizbullah," and added, "I hope you're not going to misquote me, like a journalist visiting my Moscow office did when he saw a Palestinian map there. He described me as supporting Palestinian demands to be masters "My advice," Primakny went

hat Israel should finalize the peace agreement with Arafat. If not, the Middle East situation will be most dramatic."

Buth Egyptians nodded their heads in agreement. Not one nf the trio hinted at the stated purpose of the charade at Sharm, promoted by Shimnn Peres tn condemn terrorism and attack Teheran's role.

The somber reason so many world leaders took a few hours off to enjny a bit of Sinai sunshine was underlined by the French daily Le Monde, which supports the nfficial voice of the Quai d'Orsay. Twn majnr headlines read: "President Chirac criticizes the closure of the territories" and "Acceleration of economic backing for Palestinians."

Chirac wasn't ready to discuss his views on the terrorist menace with these writers, even thrugh Peres takes pride in his closeness to Paris. With Chirac's problems of terrorism in France and Algeria, it would seem Ingical for him to back his Jewish buddy'a invitation to jain in fighting this universal

Not at all. Arafat should get more cash. The Israelis should npen their borders to Palestinians. So what if more Jews get blown np? C'est la vie.

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

That was clearly his attitude. IDF Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak sounded a consoling note, saying that he sensed a change among some Arab leaders at the conference - particularly the Jordanians - concerning the fight against ter-

Sensing the unspoken question, Shahak thought for a while, then added cautinusly: "Whether this attitude will be translated into action, I cannot tell as yet."

#### Terror was the last thing on the minds of those who came to the summit

We bumped intn Maj.-Gen Danny Yatom, personal military secretary to both Yizhak Rabin and Peres. He asked lighthearied.

ly: "Maybe ynu can tell file all the latest news?" He was slightly less genial when we replied: "As you're to be the next Mossad chief, you're the man with all the secrets. You will certainly have to know everything." At this, Yatom shrugged his shoulders in embar-

The Mossad, together with military intelligence and the General Security Service, will have to work hard together in the months and years ahead to cope with the Moslem fanatics who threaten the lives of Israelis.

Yatom knows as well as anyone else that in all the Mossad's history the golden rule has been that the name of the man at the top remains a state secret. The present incumbent is still known as "S."

Naturally enough Yatom is far too loyal to complain about the fact that it was leaked that he will be the seventh chief of the Mossad by June. The cat was let out of the bag on the military plane trans-porting Peres and the Israeli press corps to Sharm e-Sheikh.

Ebullient over the promised attendance of world leaders at his election stunt designed to convince the Iaraeli public at his newly-acquired hawkishness as regards fighting terror, the premier hlurted nut to the newspapermen: "I have already decided who the next Mossad chief will be."

Peres should have known better than to tease Israel's most experienced inurnalists, who flourish on scoops. He was immediately bombarded with questions like: "Is he on this plane?" while the questioners stared pointedly at the nonplussed Yatom.

NOT BEING steeped in the thinking of the military or the intelligence services, Peres nevertheless knew immediately that he had just smashed a treasured tradition. It has always been accepted that public naming of the Mossad's boss might jeopardize his personal safety - particularly if he trav-eled abroad - and also damage some Mossad operations. Perhaps these restraints nn langer apply.

ers in Gaza and areas in Judea and Samaria under his control. The Sinai delegates were invited to attend further talks in Washington on April 14. The declaration of war on terrorism is, after all, a major plank in Bill Clinton's reelection hid.

But the bubbling optimism flowing from Arafat's arrest of activists is not shared by an Israeli intelligence source whn told us: "True, more people have been arrested by Arafat than before. But Arafat is playing a game. We

The source cited this example: Visiting Marshall Tito in Yugoslavia once, Arafat sent an aide to huy a pottery gift in a nearby market. When Tito admired it, Arafat told him: "It was made 2,000 years ago by one of my Palestinian ancestors at the time of

If Yatom is to live up to the reputation of his famous predecessors, men tike Isser Harel, Meir Amit and Zvi Zamir, he must break the Rabin and Peres precedent of politicizing intelligence work and revert to placing the security of the state above all

To achieve this aim Israeli must rely on its nwn resources, and not depend on Arafat's so-called intelligence services.

Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and nther books on the Middle East.

Dennis Ross, coordinator of the peace talks between Israel and the PLO in Washington, told this column that "Fnllowing the anti-terror summit we'll get down to discussing the funding, supplying of weapons, and other details involved in fighting terror." Ross added that he was more upbeat than anybody else present - but only after bitter arguments with other participants in get them to agree to add their names to the condemnation

Ross spoke highly of the measures taken by Arafat to airest Hamas and Islamic Jihad support-

know what a liar he is."

other considerations.

The writers are authors of The

### **POSTSCRIPTS**

DON'T MENTION the Germans episode to John Cleese, and steer clear of the Ministry of Silly Walks.

The former Monty Python funnyman said that seeing some of his 1970s acts, now thought of as classics, makes him cringe. "It was all embarrassingly aw-

ful," he said. The Germans episode of Fawlty Towers features Cleese as deeply neurotic hotelier Basil Fawlty, beseeching staff, "Don't mention the war" to a German

tour group. Fawlty ends up bringing up the war himself, prompt-

ing tears from his guests. "I watched the German episode, and I spotted three absolutely terrible hits of slapstick," he said. "I suppose there comes a time when you start seeing the

flaws." He said that the famed Monty Python "Ministry of Silly Walks," in which an nfficious clerk vets silly walks for a patent, aiso left him unfazed.

"I did it in Southampton to

almost complete silence," he recalled. "Afterwards I said to the nther Pythons: 'You see!' They said: 'If it doesn't work in Brightnn tnmnrrow night then we'll drop it.' Of course, it did work in Brighton, But that's comedy."

DO YOU consider yourself wellread? See how many of the following books you've seen. They made The Bookseller's list of "101 Bizarre Book Titles," published in The Sun in London.

Bra (1995) Big and Very Big Hole Drilling (1984)

· Virtual Realty: Exploring the

Far From a Donkey (1995) Keeping Warm With an Axe (1982)

 Reusing Old Graves (1995) • Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Nude Mice (1978)

Oral Sadism and the Vegetarian Personality (1986)

• Fight Acne and Win (1978) • How to Shit in the Woods: An Environmentally Sound Approach to a Lost Art (1989)

 Lesbian Sadomasochism Safety Manual (1990)

 How to Avoid Huge Ships · Watermark Diseases of the Cricket Bat (1992) Children Are Like Wet Ce-

ment (1981) (Watch this space for more...)

A MAN WENT to pick up his car at the garage, only to find that it and his father's ashes in a box in the trunk - were long gone. "There's 60,000 miles no the

car. Brand new tires. A \$2,000 stereo system ... and poor old Dad in the back," said car owner Hank Bulla.

Bulla, a youth minister from Polk City, Florida, had to leave his car at an unfamiliar garage after it broke down. Mechanic Danny Keene explained that he fixed the car and then lent it to a woman he knew only as "Barbara" so she could go to the grocery

store. She did not return. "I just want my fathet back."

# Package deal

GWYNNE DYER

don't often ask people to read drivel, especially when the subject is painful and tragic. But we often suspend all critical faculties in the face of great tragedy, and accept rubbish as

analysis.

Take this example from Britain's Guardian last week after Thomas Hamilton massacred 16 schoolkids in Dunblane. Scotland.

"Hamilton's outrage will return to the sub-culture it emerged from... where repression, selfloathing, the need for power through brutality, the faste for oblivion, and the sublimation of every important thing to the demands of a mangled libido, lie in a well of unknowing too deep for tears. We may be thankful at how very seldom it is that all these parts come together in one man, but it is hard to face the fact that the parts are to be found sim-

mering on our every side."

Now this sort of writing wouldn't sneak past the lowliest night subeditor if it were about an ordinary news story. But when it's a lone gumman acting out some private fantasy of revenge, our brains turn to goo. Sententious speculation about the dark side of human nature fills the Western media, and everybody with an axe to grind is given air time. 3

But never mind all that. Is there anything seasible to say about an event like Dunblane?.

Start with the basics: Killing is part of our evolutionary heritage. Early human beings were very violent. The Bushnain bands of the Kalabari have been beauty. the Kalahari have been heavily romanticized by ethnologists, but it has been calculated that onequarter of Bushman males (and a significant proportion of females) died at the hands of other

Very little of this was "warfare," and equally little was delib-erate murder. These were people with plenty of weapons and very poor impulse control.

IN TERMS of personal violence civilization has been a great deal safer. Any city culture has to develop very good impulse control, or life would become impos**Expe** 

sible.
The downside of civilization is that wars have gotten vasily more efficient. Our moral distress at private murders got trained out of us when it came to killing enemies, even civilians, in war. I know men, former World War II bomber crews, who killed many more innocent children than Thomas Hamilton, but nobody (myself included) regards them as murderers.

#### The Dunblane massacre was one of the prices modern democracies pay for freedom

Domestic security in Western. Europe and the US probably peaked in 1850-1950, when newly-efficient police forces and the social discipline inherited from the past combined to render much of the middle classes virtually impervious to violence Much of urban Asia is now passing through a similar apogee of

But as societies democratize and the traditional reflexes of deference erode, the murder rates goes up again. Which brings us for the recent phenomenon of mass murder committed hy privates. individuals.

An unhappy truth: This phead nomenonis a side-effect of free.

The screwed-up loners will commit mass murders are not new breed of human being, but a traditional society they would have been forced to associate with other people. They would never have seen the images of violence and pornography that fueled the fantasies, in particular images other mass killers. Massack wouldn't have seemed so doable?

What can we do? Well, we can't stuff freedom back into the bottle. and we shouldn't. Anybody who believes that the sum of human happiness has been diminished by modernizatinn knows very little history. And a modern society where massacres go unreported is inconceivable.

inconceivable.

But you can do something about the kinds of pornographs and the extreme political organizations that help move susceptibilities are susceptible individuals down the road from weirdo to mass mindered. Modern democracies pay a find of prices for giving their people are much freedom, and the Dunbland massacre was one of them.

massacre was one of them. couldn't have happened in the Scotland of 200 years ago; but 200 years ago half the children of Dunblane would have been dead from disease or malnutrition before they reached school age.

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# PEAK ACCESS

# **Experiencing the** Canadian Rockies



Right: Elk at breakfast greet early-rising

By David Gonzales

Universal Press Syndicate

n the midst of the Canadian Rockies is one of the most lavisbly appointed outhouses in North America. Throw mgs adorn its floor, maps and posters paper the ceiling and walls; a batterypowered lamp hangs over the seat; shelves on both sides of the door are stacked with magazines and "Yoo are in Bear Country" pamphlets. There's even a guest book. Past patrons have filled it with plaudits, some io verse, for the outhouse's amenities and scenic location beside the Sunwapta River.

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Where else io the world you could peek out a lavatory door at

mountains and a milky-blue river while reciting, in regal luxury,

mildly scatological odes composed by your predecessors? In Canada, the Rockies are not the broad, bulking beasts that they are in the United States. Instead, the mountains are sharp and densely arrayed, as if Alberta was the resting place of a huge, primordial predator, its jaws stretched open to each horizon and resplendent with row upon row of needle-like teeth.

Wedged among many peaks are glaciers-cracked tongues of ice drooping from ledges and canyons. In Jasper, Banff and Yoho, any flat ground—in forested valleys or at the shores of lakes—is at a premium.

Nevertheless, these three Canadian parks have made room for hostels while their American counterparts have not. Besides campgrounds, there are no basic, cheap accommodations within the national parks in Montana, Wyoming or Colorado, the heart of the American Rockies. Sleeping in a bed in Glacier. Yellowstone or

Rocky Mountain national parks will cost you dearly.

In Jasper, Banff and Yobo, however, visitors can drive from ooe hostel to another, using the bunkhouses, kitchens, saunas and nearby hiking trails to gain a more intimate-and comfortable-acquaintance with the Rocky Mountains, North America's backbone, than can be gained anywhere else.

Of course, comfort is relative, as I am reminded when checking in to the Maligne Canyon Hostel, my first stop in a week-and-ahalf long trek through the Canadian Rockies. My bed, in one of the cabins is clustered around a cookhouse, wedged between and under other shelves, each laden with an exhausted and aromatic hiker. The tiny room has the ambience of an airless pantry piled with decaying vegetables.

I've arrived during the summer solstice, when daylight stretches until 11:30 p.m. and there are rewards to putting off bedtime until

the last possible hour. As twilight creeps toward midnight, I cross the road to Maligne Canyon itself, a 150-foot-deep limestone defile carved by a glacial river, which growls and echoes far below.

Eventually, darkness falls, and I must return to the bunkhouse. People come to Jasper to hike. As a guest at Maligne Canyon Hostel, you can't overnight any closer to Maligne Lake, the terminus for some of Jasper's most scenic trails. The Bald Hills trail, for example, climbs 1,575 feet to expansive vistas of Maligne Lake's cerulean surface and the Queen Elizabeth Range, bristling with glacier-streaked pinnacles.

But even these mountains lack the grandeur of 11,030-foot-high Mount Edith Cavell, the park's loftiest peak. In the shadow of this behemoth, named for a heroic British nurse executed by the German Army in World War L is the Mount Edith Cavell Hostel, which lies at the end of a steep, tortuous road.

> · Because the Mount Cavell hostel is the most isolated one in the Rockies, and because its guests are spared such trivialities as indoor plumbing and running water, they enjoy as visceral a wilderness experience as can be attained without actually sleeping on the ground.

With its high, remote location, the Mount Edith Cavell hostel has superlative hiking right from its front door. Nearby is Angel Glacier, with a broad upper basin and narrow waist of bluish snow giving it the appearance of a huge, supernatural creature with outstretched wings. In less than an hour, a hosteler can hike to the feet of this soaring glacier and be wrapped in worshipful silence, broken only by an occasional rattle of spindrift streaming from the angel's wingtips.

After my long hikes at Maligne Lake and Mount Edith Cavell, it's time to reacquaint myself with the stuff that streams from a showerhead, which I do at the Whistler's Mountain Hostel, just outside of the town of Jasper. The 70-bunk hostel is well-appointed, but I shrink from its bustle and do not stay the oight. Instead, I head south on the Icefields Parkway, the famed route winding through the Rockies, to the tiny Beauty Creek Hostel and its iocomparable loo.

Because of its location on a 30-mile-stretch of empty parkway, the Beauty Creek Hostel appeals to . tired bicycle tourers, some of whom might otherwise blanch at its rustic, almost makeshift character.

"It's amazing how good it looks to them when it's pouring rain and they pull up on their bikes," says . Laurel Jaques, 26. one of the hostel's caretakers.

Apparently, the lives of Laurel and her partner Victoria Stone, also 26, involve little more than cozy campfires at night, long hikes to nearby Stanley Falls during the day, a bit of cleaning, a bit of paperwork and many contented mornings spent sipping coffee and gazing at the Sunwapta's rolling waters. Indoor plumbing would be superfluous at Beauty Creek. The caretakers and guests have the famous outhouse and a watering-can-shower, its plywood walls open at one end to a view of towering Mount Kitchener.

I steer my car west to Yoho National Park for a three-day backpacking trip along its famous Iceline Trail, which skirts a series of glaciers crumbling below 9,000-foot peaks. After my trek, I stop at Yoho's only hostel for a shower and a look around.

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Native Webequies add to the cultural dimension of this Canadian town.

### WHAT TO KNOW:

French is the language here, but with patience you can manage in English. The islands are accessible by air from Toronto and Montreal (via Air Alliance) or inter Canadian) or by car farry (mili lune to Mid-September) from Prince Edward Island.

The important phone munber lies de la Madeleine tourism information; (901) 418/986 2245.

## WHERE TO STAY:

The islands offer two big notels, scattered auberges and lots of homey Bed & Breaklasts. The Auberge de l'Islet is (001) 418/969-2955.

#### WHERE TO EAT:

One restaurant absolutely not to mise: La Table des Roy, presided over by Johanne Viguests. World class country French, (901) 418/986-3004. Best ber: Le Central Ber Musical in Cap Anx

#### WHERE TO PLAY:

Want to learn windsurflag or sea knyaking? Call Rita Castongsay at Centre Nantique de l'infodet, (001) 418/937-5266.

Will you need a small bout and captain? Call Gaston Arseneau at (001) 418/969-2790. Want to catch a shark? Gall Antoine Polder at

(001) 418/985-2895, or write for information to C.P. 121 Grande-Entree, lies de la Madeleine, Quebec, GOB 1HO, Canada.

# Ontario's Native Hospitality

# By Jack Hafferkamp

TEBEQUIE, ONTARIO—The bush pilot splashed his tired looking float plane into the wide Winisk River and emerged from the cockpit to ask, puzzled, is this Bearshead?

On a chilly, windy, rainy morning in this sub-Arctic zone below Hudson Bay, the question seemed ridiculous. Of course this was Bearshead. Why else would we be standing out here next to a big pile of gear?

In the vast, roadless North, we were the only potential passengers within miles—an Ontario tourism ministry official, a liaison officer with the local native population, three journalists and five members of the Ojibwa Nation, standing on a point in front of three rustic log cabins parked next to this majestic river.

The non-natives among us were waiting for our ride to Hudsoo Bay for an aerial polar-bear-and-Beluga-whale search. Time and changeable weather-not to mention a balky aircraft-prevented this from happening. But it really didn't matter. The ride

down river from Webequie and overnight camping in the company of our hosts had been worth any inconveniences. Even the snoring in our cabin. Webequie is an Ojibwa community of 660 in far northern Ontario, 325 miles north of Thunder Bay, which sits on the northwest coast of Lake Superior. In the United States, these people are better known as Chippewa.

The people coming here to see the sights, breathe the clean air and learn a little about native tradition will give the young of the community reasons to learn and appreciate their own traditions.

In the warm season, which lasts precious few months, the only way to get to Webequie (pronounced web-eh-kway) is by air. Aside from Canadian govern-

ment and utility representatives, the only outsiders who pass through here are about 100 avid, adventuresome fishermen annually, and the handful of ambitious canocists who make the 270-mile, seven-day trip

from here to the Hudson Bay coast. But now Webequie is opening a warm-weather window to small groups of experienced, culturally sensiove travelers who can afford and appreciate a getaway among North America's

native people. We came to sample the six-day experience as guests of NONTA, the Northern Ontario Native Tourism Association, and the Ontario Tourism Ministry. In the process, we met some

warm, funny, genuine people. Through them we got a literal taste of life in this vast land of water, forest and long, hard winters; where people hunt, trap and fish not because it's fun. They do it to survive. A good beaver pelt is

worth \$60. Some of the best hours of this visit came in the cance trip to Bearshead camp. On a warm, blue-

skied morning, the ten of us climbed into three motor-driven, canvas-skinned canoes for the 20-mile trip. The scenery-all blue skies, green trees, and clear water-was spectacular. Along the way we saw loon, hawks and an eagle that swooped from treetop to treetop as we passed its nest.

This clean, wide, deep, island-filled river sprawls through dense, virgin forests of pine, birch, and spruce. In those woods the flies and mosquitoes can be fierce, but on the river, no problem. And fishing here is great, yielding large, healthy walleye, northern, whitefish and speckled trout. In the dense woods, which thin and shorten out as you go north, bear, wolf, moose, fox, mink and the precious beaver co-exist with a sparse human population.

On this day, the weather and river were most. accommodating. Only one portage was necessary, and it involved no more than putting the guests and valuables ashore for a five-minute walk in the woods while the local men took the canoes and most of the gear through a set of rapids. From shore, the ride looked like fun-certainly more fun than swatting at the dive-bombing mosquitoes who saw me as a lunch.

A little later, we stopped at a mercifully breezy outcropping at a bend in the river for our own lunch.



#### HIKING HOLIDAYS

New England Hilding Holldays has another 1996 actional of frips. The convert may have the roots in the New England region of the United States (It's need in New Hampshire), but it has d out to cover the South (North Caroline's fline Hiller Bountains and Vaganta, the West (Colorado's Rocky Mountains, California's Lake Tahoo, Hawall's Big Island) and Canada (Now wick's Bay of Fundy, Quebec's Gaspe

Also on the schedule are trips to dand (the Devon coast and Lake

District), the Swiss/Austrian Alps and a new trip to the South of France/Pyrenees.

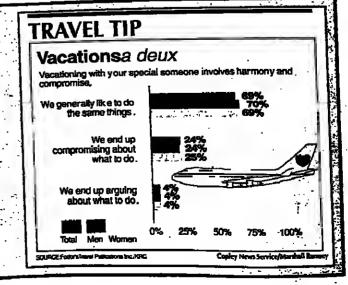
Departures are scheduled from March timough October; trip duration ranges from two to eight days. Hiking groups are limited to 16 people, and two guides accompamy each trip. Hillions choose their pace and distance each day, always ending up at a local inn for the night. Land costs range from \$375 to \$1,795 per person. New England Hilling Holidays, P.O. Box 1648, Horti Conway, New Hampshire 03860.

FYI:

Business travelers often find them-

selves in cities where rooms are in short. supply (as is the case when there's a convention in town or it's the high season for leisure travelers). Frequent Flyer magazine offers these tips for tracking down a place to stay when it seems there's no room at

- Quarantee your reservation with a credit
- Cruise the internet to find out about nonhotel options, such as condos or apart-
- Show up when you make a reservation. Regular no shows lose their leverage with hotel staff.



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# Canada

The meal is a river-water stew of caribou and locally-grown potatoes, along with the heavy native bread staple, bannock. Bannock traditionally calls for heaps of fatty butter or lard, and while deadly, it certainly is satisfyingly rich.

For the really hungry among us, there was even fried Sparn. We washed it all down with cups of strong teal and found ways to connect-and laugh-across all our differences. We heard tales of canoeists who didn't make it through all the rough-water spots and had long. scary, hungry walks before reaching safety.

The humor in this and other stories was gentle. expressed by people who are overcoming cultural reserve to invite big city strangers into their homes and lives. They believe lourism can help their community become self-sufficient and culturally strong.

Life in Webernie-and all the isolated communities of the North-is not easy. In addition to rough weather and endemic poverty, tradition is retreating under the assault of the dominant culture. Elders of these communities see the young losing their identity, and they

Webequie das chosen to turn tourism to its own advantage. The hope is these visitors will generate more than much-needed income. Village elders believe limited tourism also can provide a necessary

People here are seeing tourism as a two-fold benefit, explained Bill Rogoza, who works for the Nishnawabe-Aski Nation an organization of native bands,

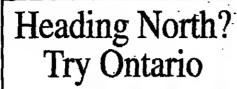
It not only provides a means of self-sufficiency, it will help montain the culture of these people. It gives the youth of the community a means of reconnecting with the laid.

The idea is that the people coming here to see the sights, breathe the clean air and learn a little about native tradtion will give the young of the community reasons tolearn and appreciate their own traditions. Taking pride in their beritage can provide direct, immedian economic benefit. By keeping the number of tourist small. Rogoza says, there is opportunity for real exchange among peoples of different cultures.

In an era where travel to the outposts of much of the worlt raises serious safety concerns, one very comfortible aspect of this trip was how safe it all felt. I knew I was very far from home, yet in the company of our hosts, yet I felt very well cared for.

So fig Webequie has not found funds to build an envisioned small hotel. For the foreseeable future guests will be lodged in the vacant four-bedroom duplex used during the school year by visiting grammar school techers. It has all the necessary comfortsincluding a washer and dryer and even cable TV.

Meds are served in a native home. Our host was AlfredMekanak. If you ask him. Alfred may just pull out his fiddle and play one or two of the country tunes



The six-day Homeland Tour to Webequie and Hudson Bay is available in August only. Reservations are very fimited. Now is the time to make plans.

The trip begins with two days in Thurider Bay, Ontario, which is accessible via Northwest Airlines. A highlight is the contextcreating visit to Old Fort William, a very well done, hands-on recreation of an 1815 North West Company for trading outpost on the Kaministiquia River. If you can arrange your visit to coincide with the annual mid-August Ojibwa festival at Old Fort William, so much the better. The displays of native skills, crafts and costumes will help pave the way for the journey north.

Flights to Webequie are via Bearskin Airlines, Because the weather in northern Ontario is unpredictable, tour organizers ask guests to allow a severith day in their schedules as a cushion against getting stuck at any point along the tour.

Each departure requires a minimum of six passengers. The cost per person, double occupancy, is about \$2,700 plus airport departure taxes. For information, call Jack Rezny of Moccasin Trails Tours, (001) 708/968-3474.

For information on Old Fort William and the Offlowa festival, which occurs in mid-August, call (001) 807/577-8461. For more information on Thunder Bay's possibilities, call Bruce Hole at North of Superior Tourism, (00:1) 807/626-9421.

Certainly, there are some inconveniences that go along with this immersion into local culture. Visitors can't be too put off by the prospect of being beyond instant telephone service or using an outhouse at the river camp. And eating the high-fat local fare will make your cholesterol level jump significantly.

But for this visitor, the trip to Webequie was a winner because it showed how much these people are will-



Natire children are both curious and excited by visitors.

By Jack Hafferkamp

Lus to catch a very large shark. He let us sleep in until 7 a.m. (instead of the origi-

LES DE LA MADELEINE, Quebec-Antoine

Poirier did everything he could to make it easy for

nally scheduled 4:30 a.m.]. He took his 35-foot fishing boat, the Joy Earl, to three separate locations. He used his sonar. He trailed a big bucket of beef blood behind his boat as an attractant. He even beat rhythm on the boat hull with a hammer.

omnipresent nicotine-reducing eigarette holder. After nine hours, and in the face of gray skies and 5-foot swells, Poirier tried to talk us into staying out a while longer. When he takes his customers out to

"It gets their atteotion," he said, waving his

catch make and blue shark, he expects to bag at least one. It's a matter of pride. I confess that, at the end, I didn't care very much. At 20 miles out to sea, and the only one still on deck in the spray and rain, I was so pleased to get past being seasick that catching anything was secondary. I certainly didn't need to fight a 400-pound mackerel-munching machine to convince me that the Iles de la Madeleine

are a great place to visit. I was already convinced. If you find the seashore restoring, you can't help but love this half-moon shaped archipelago of a halfdozen wind-swept, most French-speaking islands dropped into the Gulf of the St. Lawrence due west of the southern end of Newfoundland.

This is a May-to September vacation paradise: Lots to do outdoors in a beautiful, inviting, far-awayyet-familiar place where the climate is temperate, the locals are easy to get along with and there is a good bar for a late afternoon cocktail and camaraderie.

The islands and their villages are connected by sand dunes and a road stretching 40 scenic miles. . Coming here early or late in season is like having a beach all to yourself: great air, the surf and an endless shoreline loop. You can windsurf, bike, hike, swim, sea kayak, bird-watch, drink, even go fishing for mako with Antoine Poirier.

SEA-FARING QUEBEC'S ISLAND PARADISE The Madeleines-or Magdelenes as they are Tourism to check it out firsthand.

known in English-are part of Quebec. The islands are a largely unknown vacation destination in the United States, One result of their influence is that the quality of the dining here is stunning. My accommodation, the Auberge de l'Islet, is a modest motel, but the once-per-month Saturday dinner I happened to our that after a nine-hour day at sea in a valu shark hunt, I was willing to sit for five hours to take it all in.

Island culture is Acadian, making these people cousins to Louisiana's Cajuns.

Shark fishing is part of the effort to boost tourism in the economically struggling lies de la Madelaine in Quebec.

Many came here in the 1750s to avoid being deported by the Briosh during the French and Indian Wars, and they endured 150 years of essendally feudal domination and isolation from mainland culture. Antoine Poirier says that his family home got electricity for the first time to the 1960s.

One result of the isolation was that these islands developed their own distinctive maritime way of life, with fishing at its commercial center. Today, fishing is still the main industry, and its importance is commemorated in Roger Langevin's sculpture, "Les Pecheurs in L'Etang-du-Nord."

But the fishing is not what it used to be. Mackerel may still be plentiful, but ocean perch, flounder and cod, fish that sustained these communities for two centuries, have been overfished. Poirier blames their decline on the big factory ships of Russia and Japan that plundered fish by the ton in great dragnets. He says that commercial cod fishing has been banned in these waters since 1982.

Decline of the deep-water fish species has meant increased reliance on other species, particularly lobster, snow crab and scallops. Since the mid-1980s. islanders have begun farming blue mussels in their lagoons, but economically this does not make up for the loss of both fish and seal hunting. Seals dried up as a market in the 1980s, after worldwide media

focused on the bloody excesses of baby seal bunting. For the 14,000 people who live on Les Isles de la Madeleine, tourism has had to take up the economic slack. To make a decent living today, a fisherman has to live by his wits. I came here as a guest of Quebec

That's where Antoine Poirier comes in. He is the first and only licensed shark fisherman in these waters. He has won a Canadian tourism award for coming up with the idea. He is also the president of the islands' seal hunters association. And it turns out has written a book from the hunters' point of view. was an exquisite 11-course affair. It was so wonderful \*\*Poirier sees hunting seals in terms of an ecological balance, which is now woobling badly. He compares, ... it to thinning an over-populated deer herd.

Photo by Jack Hafferkamp

"Last year, there were 800,000 baby seals born around here," he says, gesturing with his cigarette holder. "Two hundred thousand will die because they are too weak. There isn't enough to eat for them to develop the fat they need for surviving winter." Why not? Because scals eat cod, too. And since there are no cod, seals have turned to eating what the cod ate, thus cutting cod out of the food chain, and guaranteeing that they won't come back.

This scenario, Poirier says, inevitably will lead to an implosion in the seal population after they have devoured everything in sight.

Jack Hafferkamp is a Chicago-based freelance writer.

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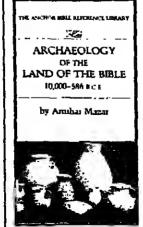
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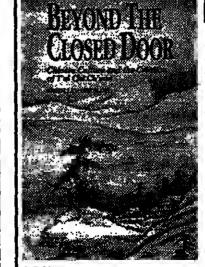


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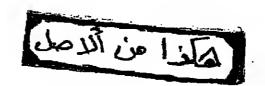
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Hostelling International is the new moniker adopted by the Internacional Youth Hostel Federation, an umbrella organization of 5,000 hostels around the world. For \$25 per year, members, who may be of any age, have access to every HI establishment on the globe and are given a guidebook that lists HI hostels in Canada and the United States.

A hostel, for those unfamiliar with the concept, commonly consists of two or more bunkrooms, a common living area and a cook-it-yourself kitchen. Instead of banishing guests to separate rooms, hotel-style, a hostel's communal nature brings travelers together and, more important, keeps accommodation prices within reach of skimpy travel budgets. Even the most expensive hostel in the Canadian Rockies, the Lake Louise International Hostel. charges about \$15 per night, though its amenides rival those of a posh mountain chalet.

#### THE HOSTEL EXPERIENCE

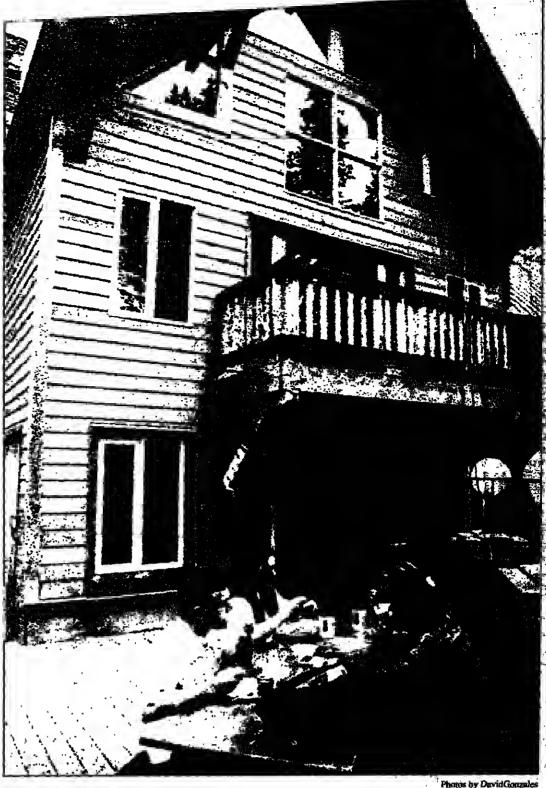
Requiring hostelers to do a daily chore is a coroerstone of the hostelling philosophy, though many hostels have lately dropped the practice. But rustic hostels such as those at Maligne Canyon and Beauty Creek, which lack running water and plumbing. would soon become uninhabitable if guests did not do some of the dirty work.

Few hostelers complain, however, about sweeping out log cabins, fetching water from tumbling streams or depositing trash in elaborate bear-proof containers. These are the sorts of chores depicted in outdoor clothing catalogs, and you look and feel cool doing them. especially if you're wearing a flannel shirt.

Earplugs, however, would be appropriate at bedtime. As sometimes happens in a hostel bunkroom. vociferous snores may keep you awake.

Low prices and the prospect of sequestering oneself in Beauty Creek's hostel may be enticing enough, but there is an even better reason to visit Alberta's hostels: They offer unequaled access to the Rocky Mountains.

David Gonzales is a Breckenridge. Colorado-based



Lake Louise International Hostel provides comfortable accommodations for visitors.

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The Whiskey Jack Hostel is tucked into a narrow valley, home of the Canadian Rockies' highest waterfall, Takakkaw Falls, which ricochets off a ledge halfway down its length, sending up a deepthroated roar. 44.00

> . In winter, however, it is snow that tumbles from the valley's heights, and in the midst of summer, a construction crew labors to fortify the building's foundation in anticipation of avalanches. Not surprisingly, Whiskey Jack is the only Canadian Rockies hostel closed in the winter.

After my long, grimy trek, I crave a little luxury and proceed to Banff National Park and the Lake Louise International Hostel, which is run jointly by Hostelling International and the Alpine Club of Canada. Apparently, Alpine Club members need more comfort than can be provided by former POW cabins, and their partnership with HI has resulted in a facility more similar to Chateau Lake Louise than to a hostel.

The bostel is enormously popular and all 105 beds are taken for the eight. I have to appease myself with lunch in the hostel's sunny, wood-paneled Peyto's Cafe-which serves vegetarian burgers, salads and other healthy fare—and a stroll. The bostel's upper level oozes clubbiness with its stone fireplace, overstuffed chairs and handsome library.

Alternate accommodations at the Castle Mountaio Hostel seem a fine compromise between the simplicity of Beauty Creek and the more elegant Lake Louise hostel. The hostel has running water, but I doo't feel obligated to don tweeds during dinner.

At dawn the next morning, I wake to the soft crunching of pine needles and peer out the window at an elk stepping lightly among the trees. He stares back at me, his velvet jaw grinding a mouthful of grass, then resumes his meal. Slipping outside, I creep a few yards toward him to snap a photo, my senses rousing quickly to the cold needles under bare feet, the sharp, clean smell of the forest and the sight of this imperious animal who has decided to tolerate my presence while he breakfasts.

Elk are a common sight in the Canadian Rockies, but I doubt that many visitors staying in expensive lodges or chateaus have seen elk in similar circumstances one-on-one in the pale glow of dawn. Such are the experiences that memorable vacations are made of, and such are the experiences that the hostels of Jasper, Banff and Yoho routinely offer. It seems ludicrous that a visitor would actually choose to pay hundreds of dollars, instead of 10, for a bed.

David Gonzales is a Breckenridge, Colorado-based writer,

# IF YOU GO

Hostelling International memberships are available at any regional Hi office; to find the nearest one, contact Hostelling International American Youth Hostels, Suite 840, 733 15th Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20005: (001)202/783-6161

Adult memberships are \$25 per year; Youth (under 18) memberships are \$10 per year; senior citizen memberships are \$15 per year; family memberships are \$35; lifetime memberships cost \$250.

A bunk in one of Alberta's hostels costs approximately \$8 to \$15 per night. Many hostels are open to non-members who pay a higher price. Contact Hostelling International Southern Alberta, No. 203, 1414 Kensington Road N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2N 3P9; (001) 403/283-5551; fax (001) 403/283-6503; for more information on prices, locations and reservations, which are advisable throughout the summer.

More information on Canada's national parks is available from Parks Canada, 220 4th Avenue Southeast, P.O. Box 2989, Station M., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3H8; (001) 403/292-4401

# SNAPSHOT

**Photographing Baby Seals** 

By Carl and Ann Purcell

Copley News Service

'n March, a vast number of harp seals will be born on Magdalen Island, Canada. For 12 days, the pups will be snow white, with great dark eyes and a black oose. The wind whistling across the ice makes the pups looks as if they are weeping huge tears. Seal pups will also suddenly appear at this time with great frequency on Alaskan glaciers and ice bergs. "Tis the season for babies, at least in the seal world!

These roly-poly youngsters are grand photographic subjects. They are fearless models and, if you use the program mode oo your camera, you can get picture perfect results with nearly each frame. The logistics of getting to the pictures safely, however, are a little more complicated. You will be working in an environment where

When you are packing for a trek to visit the seal babies, you should think in terms of layers. Long underwear, several layers of socks, several pairs of gloves and loss of clothing in between. Natural fibers will allow your body to breathe, so buy silk or cotton and leave nylon and polyester at home. It is dangerous if your clothes become damp with perspiration at these low temperatures.

Most tour group operators who conduct the trips onto the floes will provide rubber-canvas survival suits and special arctic boots to go over all your other clothes, but you should check to make sure that they will be available. You will need especially good head gear to keep the top of your head and your ears warm. You will also need a scarf or oeck ring to pull over your nose and mouth to warm the air you breathe.

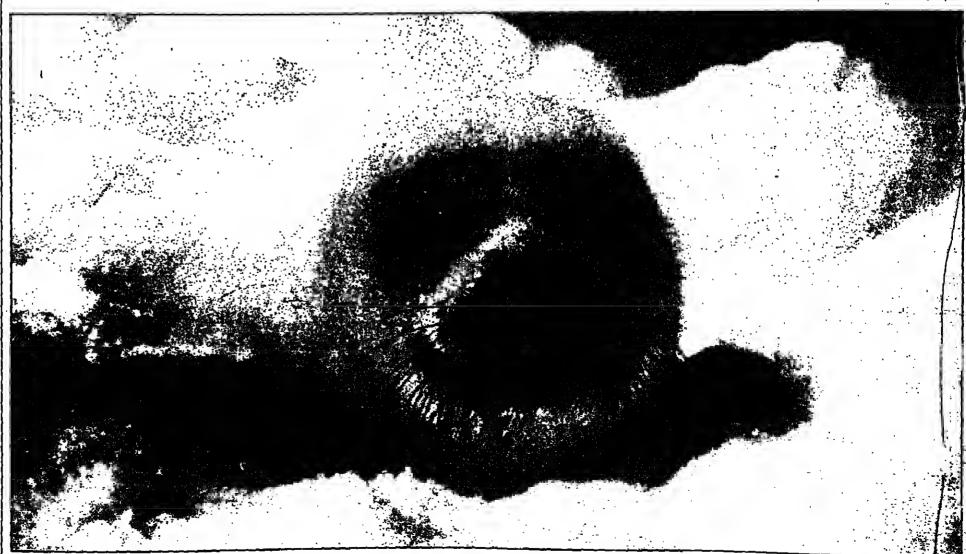
Think carefully about your equipment needs and keep it to an absolute minimum. Remember that you will be heavily burdened with your clothing. You'll need your hands free because you will have to carry a pole to check the ground ahead of you as any mis-

the wind chill factor can lower the temperature to 70 below zero on step into a "blow bole" hidden by snow could be disastrous.

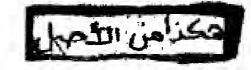
Batteries don't work well in temperature colder than the freezing point. Your camera bodies and extra batteries should be kep. inside your coat to take advantage of your body heat. Bring then out only wheo you are actually taking pictures. Going from cold to bot may form condensation on your lenses, so keep an eye or them and wait until the condensation disappears before snapping

And finally, keep an eye on the mother seals. You do not wanto get into a tangle with a protective mammal that outweighs you're several bundred pounds. While seals are usually docile subjects, they are nevertheless wild animals and should be treated with respect. Come home with wonderful baby seal photos but, above all, come home safely.

Carl and Ann Purcell are America's leading travel writing/photography team.



A baby karp seal on Magdaleu Island, Canada, poses for a photograph.



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# The detective of the People of the Book

If it's been published, Tel Aviv's book sleuth will find it, Greer Fay Cashman writes

Itamar Levy started his husiness in August 1993, the idea was "to have a bookstore without a store and without books." Levy. who wanted to operate with a minimum of overheads, figured that people would just call his number, tell him what book they wanted, and he would go look for

But like so many other best laid plans of mice and men, this too went astray. It wasn't that people didn't call - they did. But they didn't all want to hny broks. Many had books to sell, and even more had books to give away. All they wanted was that Levy should take them off their hands.

After three months, he had no option hat to find storage premis-es. And so, against his better judgment, he opened a store-cumwarehouse in one of the atmospheric side streets leading to the Tel Aviv central bus station.

Little about the facade reveals the nature of the enterprise. There is no plate-glass window; no buge sign. There's just a modest plaque with a logo of a swooping hird over the trademark Sefer Zichronot Sefarim Meshumashim 1993 (Book of Recollections Used Books 1993).

Levy's initial concept was to trade on nostalgia. Most people, he reasoned, had memories of favorite books which they had read as children, which they might like to read again as adults or give to their own children and grandchildren. Many such books are out of print, and tracking them down takes quite a lot of foot-

Levy, 40, who loves to read, and who is himself a writer with four novels to his credit, had already acquired considerable experience in finding not easily available books.

All his novels relied heavily on factual research, and Levy often went looking for books in out-ofthe way places. Friends would see the rare editions at his home and would ask whether he could procure a copy for them too.

As the requests increased, Levy hegan to realize that despite the attractions of television and videotapes, the people of Israel had to a large extent remained the people of the book. They liked to read and they liked to acquire

But Levy remained stuhhornly addicted to children's books. And indeed that is still his area of specialization, but requests came in for so many other things that he could not help hut branch out,

"There's no such thing as a typical request," he says. "People have individual tastes and look for some of the strangest things imaginable."

One only has to tune into Kol Yisrael's Radio 2 on Friday evenings to understand exactly what he means. Yaron Enosh, who hosts a Friday night cultural potpourri on the network, came across Levy a couple of years hack when he himself was looking for a book, and decided that it might be a fun thing to run a onetime interview with him.

But the station was bombarded with phone calls from listeners who thought that Levy might be able to produce the elusive vol-



Itamar Levy: Most of the time I know what people are asking for before they complete the sentence.

umes which hadn't shown up in other stores dealing in used books

Elated by the response, Enosh invited Levy to come back on a weekly basis. Besides many callers, there are some 150 written enquiries each week, with letters coming from both Israel and abroad - including Arab coun-

Amongst the latter was a missive from the Royal Hashemite Palace in Jordan. (Levy declines to divulge details of the request, other than to hint at the identity of the royal personage who made it.) He also gets a lot of queries on the Internet.

People who contact him don't always know the name of the book they're looking for. "They know the plot and they can give me a synopsis, but they can't remember the title. Often, they give me a distorted version of the title, but if I've had the request before or if I've ever come across the hook, I'll know just what they're looking for," he asserts. Modern technology is a useful tool. Every request is computerized along with a synopsis of the

sought-after publication. In addition, he has computerized the synopsis of almost every children's book published in Israel during the past 40 years, It's what he calls the nostalgia of the first children of the state. "Most of the time I know what

people are asking for before they

appear weak, but even so he observes, he has over 2,400 clients whom he has serviced at least twice. Some come every week to rummage through the shelves of his cramped premises. One of the first requests he

percent, his track record may

received was for Secrets about men that every woman should know. Another was for Levi

Eshkol's jokes. Someone else wanted Dante's

Divine Comedy in Hebrew. Bi- or multi-lingual readers, when they can't get what they want in Hebrew, will often settle

for another language.
Several queries for Cheaper by the Dozen in Hehrew produced no results. When he told his clients that he could get it for them only in English, they were not the least bit disappointed, and urged him to go ahead.

A collector asked him to get him the Nero Wolf books in all their translations. "So far, I've found Hebrew, Italian, French and German.'

Some of the titles he's looking for at the moment include: Fifty years of Palestine by Frances Newton; History of Haifa - Mt. Carmel hy Judith Rothschild; The History of Modern Israeli Money by Ruth Gordon.

Levy may well have them right under his nose. He has 400 crates of books which he has not yet had time to open and sort out. The phone seldom stops and even this interview was conducted in over a dozen stops and starts, which included answering the phone, attending to off-the-street customers and salivating over a 1925 Shaare Zedek calendar printed in

Levy is closed on Thursdays and does business only between 9 and I during the other days of the week. The rest of the time he's ont in search of a good book.

# Change the script to break sibling tensions



EAR Ruthie, religious sister who lives in Israel. Since my divorce seven years ago, we have seen each other only

twice. I'd love to visit more, but cannot afford it. My brother-inlaw has offered to help me financially (as I am a manic-depressive and have not had a real job in eight years) - but I cannot accept such a gift from someone who is not wealthy.

My problem is that when my sister and I see each other, or speak on the phone, she is very surcastic and critical. I am angry that she doesn't show me respect, and hurt that she judges me. I rave about her to everyone, and have always tried to "be there for her." I'd appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Brother at Bay Buffalo, New York

Dear B at B.

Your sister's criticism may stem from a fundamental disapproval on her part. If so, you can voice your hurt feelings and hope she

responds by curbing her tongue. Meanwhile, you must examine your own part in the sihling scenario. Consider the ways in which your behavior contributed to her disdain. Though you view yourself as completely supportive, she may feel it is she who has had to

"be there" for a depressed brother who is frequently out of work. The best way to break unhealthy family dynamics is to change the script. As long as your commue to "read the same old lines," she will remain steadfast in her own role. The next time you speak to sis, hit

her with some new material, and

see what happens. Dear Ruthie,

I am a night owl and my fiance is an early bird. We have trouble synchronizing our free time together: One of us is always too tired to enjoy what the other has planned. Will our marriage work? Lamenting Love Birds

San Diego, California. Dear Love Birds, This problem need not ruffle

your feathers. In the first place, marriage often alters one's internal clock. This is due to various

DEAR RUTHIE **RUTHIE BLUM** 

factors - particularly adding offspring to the nest.

As long as the basis for your union is sound in other respects, your marriage has as good a chance of working as any other.

Dear Ruthie.

I om a 69-year-old widow. When my husband died five years ago. I sold the car, as I did not think I was of the age to learn to drive. At first, friends and neighbors were helpful by offering me lifts. But then the offers stopped coming.

It's unpleasant to have to ask for favors all the time, but it's expensive to take cabs, and I'm not always up to taking the bus. I accept that people are thoughtless, but these so-called friends have gone 100 far: I often freeze due 10 air conditioning in some cars; one neighbor kept the radio blasting in spite of my pleas to turn it off; another refused my request to turn on the news; another smoked; yet another used "traffic" as an excuse not to drive

via a route I requested (so as to be able to stop at the drugstore); and I'm often subjected to the back seat, which I've repeatedly said is uncomfortable.

How can we educate people to be considerate of those who need their scrvices as drivers?

Driven to Distraction Somewhere in Israel Dear D to D.

Consideration is a two-way street. The "thoughtlessness" of these appointed chauffeurs may be the result of your having driven them crazy with your criticism. The money you are saving hy

not owning a car is sufficient to cover the cost of taxi fare for a long time to come. If you rid yourself of this unnecessary dependence on others, minor discomforts and major resentment will take a "back seat" to newfound freedom. Once you begin to take responsibility for your own mobility, your spirits are likely to be uplifted. And offers for lifts even may be more forth-

Dear Ruthie, My best friend keeps getting received).

promoted at work I want to be happy for her, and I certainly act as though I am. But deep down I'm envious as hell. How can I separate my negative feelings from my positive ones? I'm afraid that the former is beginning to get

Eaten with Envy, Jerusalem

the better of the latter.

Dear E with E. Either you'll learn to keep envy at bay while in your friend's presence, or you'll find yourself wanting to spend less time in her com-

Keep in mind that it is your sense of self which dictates how you get along with other people regardless of the fortunes which befall them. Also, if the tables were turned, your friend undoubtedly would experience similar

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"Somehow it's an idea that even

the most skeptical people find believable," Phillips says. "Cellular

Novak says that Sylvia's experi-ence is not isolated. Since her oper-

arion, she has formed several sup-

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As he began to think about how

"The first book I checked out of

the library," he says, "was Frankenstein." (Washington Post)

the story might be told, Novak

and dealt with their cravings.

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The collaboration between

Shamir spoke at a reception hosted hy the Southern California Chapter of the American Society for Technion, which was celebrating the successful conclusion of a

# **Technion gets into** the desalination act

**TOM TUGEND LOS ANGELES** 

HE Technion and the Metropolitan Water Metropolitan District of Southern California are about to collabo-Southern rate on a \$35 million project which they hope will bring the desalination of sea water a major step forward.

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hoasts. That doesn't necessarily

mean that he can make an instant

delivery. "It could take an hour, it

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longer," he admits.

The project to huild a 5-million-gallons-a-day pilot plant to purify ocean water for human and agricultural consumption will probably be located in Huntington Beach, California. The joint US-Israel Commission for Science and Technology has agreed to put up the start money for the plant.

Huntington Beach is already the site of a desalination test unit that purifies 2,000 gallons a day. The unit was huilt by the MWD in consultation with experts from the Technion. If and when the larger pilot

plant goes on-line, the next step would be construction of a 50million-gallons-a-day plant. It takes about 300,000 gallons to supply a household of five people with water for a year.

engineers in Southern California and Israel comes naturally, as hoth areas have similar climates and desert settings, said Prof. Uri Shamir, who heads the Technion's Water Research

\$5.400.000 fund drive in support

of Shamir's institute. If the technological challenges of developing adequate water supplies for arid regions are formidable, water is also one of the most complex issues in the Middle East peace negotiations. Indeed, pessimists predict that

the next Middle East war will be fought over water, hut Shamir, who serves on Israel's water negotiating team in the peace talks, is more npbeat. "Maybe water will lead to regional cooperation, rather than war," he said.

Engineers have been working for decades to develop a relatively cheap process for desalinating sea and hrackish water in commercial quantities, without scoring the hoped-for hreakthrough.

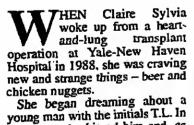
The main sticking point is the high energy cost required for desalination, now ranging from \$1,600 to \$3,000 per acre foot of sea water, equivalent to 326,000 gallons. By contrast, conventional water supplied to American households costs only \$300 per acre foot.

However, with the rising cost of developing new conventional water sources for thirsty Southern California and Israel. and the anticipated lowering of desalination costs, purified sea water could become competitive

at \$850 per acre foot, Shamir said. The Technion engineer acknowledged he had predicted in 1962 that desalinated water would be competitive by 1980.

In a revised forecast, he said that "We are now much closer to success than 20 years ago. Within 10-20 years, I expect to see substantial water [desalination] factories springing up in many loca-

# Heart recipient says donor's beat goes on



her sleep, she kissed him and, as their lips met, she sucked his entire body into her own. Convinced that her new organs triggered some profound change

within her, Sylvia set out to discover the identity of her donor. She learned that he was an 18year-old house painter whose names began with a T and an L. He loved cold beer and fried

After hearing this eerie story, collaborator-to-the-stars William Novak tracked down Sylvia, a dance teacher in her mid-fifties, and arranged to write her life story. He also was intrigued hy her work with other organ recipients who have had similar experiences. The result, tentatively called A Change of Heort, will be published by Little, Brown and Co.

"This is a mind-boggling thing to come along, says editor William Phillips, who has been with Liule and Brown for 30 years. He acknowledges that on the face of it, the story strains

credulity. But Phillips believes it with all his heart. Tve known Bill Novak for

years," Phillips says. "He is a very sober, sophisticated guy." Novak first heard about Sylvia three years ago. Over the course of a dozen or so conversations, he determined that she had a story good enough, and long enough, to

"And she's not a flake." he says. make a book. Phillips agrees, calling her "a sensible, nice woman from

When Sylvia set out to find her Queens.



benefactor, Novak says, the hospital refused to help. But by cobbling together newspaper obituaries and a few other facts - he had died in a motorcycle crash - she discovered

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his identity and met his family. She was so overwhelmed by her experiences, Novak says, she began keeping extensive journals. Novak took her notes and wrote

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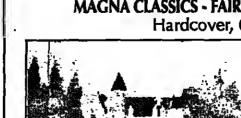
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices surge,

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Thursday, March 21, 1996

# Police question Grofman about Migdal scandal

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

AFRICA Israel general manager Shlomo Grofman was questioned and released by the National Fraud Squad yesterday morning in connection with Migdal insurance's illegal takeover of Ellern Investments in 1993.

Grofman, who also serves as Migdal chairman, was questioned under cantion for several hours. The police suspect the Migdal group gained control of Ellern with a NIS 20 million loan from Bank Leumi, the insurance firm's

parent company.

Migdal and Leumi heads are suspected of operating against banking law (licensing) and companies ordinance, which prohibit a bank from financing a company's attempt to gain control of a firm associated with a third party.

The law is to prevent banks from unfairly taking advantage of their financing power.

During the last few weeks the

National Fraud Squad has questioned several Migdal and Leumi managers in connection with the

On Monday, Ze'ev Nahari, Leumi deputy general manager and in charge of the money division, was questioned.

Nahari serves as Leumi's director on Migdal's board of directors. Several weeks ago the Fraud Squad arrested Migdal chairman Uzi Levy and Avraham Sinai, deputy financial manager.

Levy was arrested on suspicions of violating the banking law (licensing), management offenses and false registration of docu-

Sinai was arrested on suspicions of management offenses at the time when he was in charge of

Migdal's investment network. The Tel Aviv Magistrates Court released them on NIS 20,000 bail only to retreat in one of their biggest one-day plunges since then amid concern that soaring prices may dampen demand for In one sign the 30-percent surge

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) -

Crude oil futures soared to the

highest price since the Gulf War,

in prices during the past seven trading days may be eating away at demand, Phibro Energy USA, Inc. said it is cutting by 46% the amount of oil refined at its 65,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Krotz Springs, Louisiana because prices are too high.

Concern other refiners, faced with shelling out more than \$20 a barrel for extended periods for the first time since early 1993, may follow suit belped drive oil prices

"There have been some run

Crude hits 5-year high before plunging cuts, which gives refiners more to sell," said a trader at Northville Industries Crop. in Melville, New York. "It's enough to ease the pressure a bit and that's what's

happening.
Crude oil for April delivery plunged as much as \$2.14 to \$22.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, one of the biggest one-day drops in prices since the Gulf War in 1991.

Yesterday's expiration of the April contract magnified the drop by creating a stampede of speculators trying to sell back their con-tracts to avoid having to take delivery of the oil, traders said.

Many had expected prices to keep climbing as refiners, facing some of the leanest US inventories since 1977, raced to secure oil to meet a seasonal rise in gasoline

as much as \$1.16 to \$25.60 a barrel in earlier trading yesterday. reaching the highest price since fighting began in the Gulf War.

"When crude goes up seven days in a row like it did, it usually has to come down," said the Northville trader.

"People were hanging on to it as long as they could, but it just ran out of steam.

One reason for that could be that refiners refused to drive prices any bigher to get their hands on the oil, while others went so far as reducing the amount of crude they

Refiners also may be falling back on the policy that some analysts said was responsible for this week's rally: waiting for fraq to sell crude according to a UN "oil-for-food" offer.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Hungary to sell off assets in '96: Hungary is to sell state assets worth over 300 billion forints this year, privatization minister lauras

Of the total, 227 billion forints worth of assets are to be made available to the social security system to help reduce its deficit, to com-pensation coupon owners and to local authorities, the latter tase in pensation coupon owners and to total authorities, and latter trace and officer exchange for their stakes in the privatized gas suppliers and officer companies, Suchman said.

VW's SEAT cuts '95 loss by more than half: Spanish car manufacturer SEAT, a subsidiary of Germany's Volkswagen AG, said yesterday it had cut its losses by more than half last year. Its 1995 losses fell to 11.3 billion pesetas (\$90.9 million) in 1995, down from 29.5 billion in 1994 and 151.3 billion in 1993.

Since 1993 SEAT has reduced its workforce by nearly half, cut production and closed its original plant in Barcelona as part of a restructuring plan which made it eligible for aid and state loans. It restructuring plan which made it engages for and and state roads. It aims to break even this year and hopes to show a profit in 1997. It forecasts sales rising to 350,000 units this year from 325,000 in 1995. The company said in January it was considering reducing the workforce further to around 10,000 this year and next. It currently employees 12,500, down from around 24,000 in 1993.

Russian government pays 8.7 trillion roubles in back wages: The Russian government has spent 8.7 trillion roubles to pay arreas of wages and bonuses which are directly funded by the federal government, President Boris Yeltsin's chief economic aide said yesterday. Alexander Livshits also said the central government had paid an extra three trillion roubles to regions which were unable to settle

their own wage arrears to public-sector employees themselves.

"We are talking about everything due to citizens in every Russian region - wages to doctors, teachers and other employees financed by local governments, which lack funds even with the help of transfers from the federal government," he said.

Yeltsin, running for re-election in June, has made the payment of wage arrears a priority. Livshits said the government would complete the payments, including 1995 wages and social payments arrears, by the end of March, but physical money payments to the population could continue for a week more. In April the government would make wage payments in the normal way, he said.

Italy cuts overseas phone rates: Italy's state-controlled telephone company Telecom Italia SpA announced cheaper overseas call rates from yesterday, but its rates still lag behind international charges in the US and Britain. The old monopoly phone operator in Italy has been under pressure to cut international rates, which were among the highest in Europe, as the European Union moves toward market liberalization of the telecoms market by the start of 1998.

The telecoms group said its rates for a standard three-minute call to the US or Canada would fall 30 percent, to Britain by 18%, to Latin America by 6.5% and to Hong Kong and Taiwan by 13%.

# Saudi Arabia's revenues said up on earlier oil rally

DUBAI (Reuter) - Oil giant Saudi Arabia is enjoying a boost in revenue as a result of a sharp rally in international oil prices, Riyadh bankers said yesterday. With world oil prices being lift-

ed to their highest level since the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, the world's largest oil producer and exporter is enjoying an unexpected windfall which could help reduce debt

government accumulated in the

"I'm very hopeful that higher revenues, if sustained for a month or two, would lead to bigger payments and more liquidity in the economy," Kevin Taecker, chief economist at the Saudi American Bank in Riyadh said.

US oil for delivery in April traded at a post Gulf-War high of \$24.64 a barrel on Tuesday as American refiners scrambled to refill their depleted oil product inventories, which had been allow to fall to their lowest level for 19

The rise in oil prices has increased bopes among bankers in the kingdom that the Saudi government, which gets 70 percent of all its revenue from hard-currency oil exports, will be in a better position to pay more than \$1 billion it is estimated to owe contractors and suppliers.

"The oil price is currently above budgeted, so the scope for some monetary freedom is much increased," a Riyadh banker, who declined to be named, said.

Bankers and diplomats in Saudi Arabia say the Saudi budget for

1996 is based on an average price for Saudi crude of \$14 a barrel, which is the equivalent of \$15.50 a barrel for the North Sea beachmark crude Brent,

If high oil prices did persist for at least two months, the government could be better placed to reduce the budgeted \$4.9b. deficit, as well as paying off a backlog of debts.

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### CO-OP Blue Square posts rise in net profits COMPANY RESULTS

CO-OP Blue Square Properties and Investments yesterday reported a 32.2 percent increase in annual net profits to NIS 47.6 million from NIS 36m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 1.8 billion from NIS 1.4b., while earnings per share went up to NIS 1.58 from NIS 1.23.

Fourth quarter net profits were NIS 14.5m., the same as in the 1994 fourth quarter. Revenues rose to NIS 484m. from NIS

The company attributed growth last year to a 36.6% increase in Hyper Hyper sales turnover and a 12.8% growth in Marks & Spencer sales. Hyper Hyper represented 69% of total sales and The CO-OP Blue Square group

includes the Coop chain of supermarkets, Super Center, Shefa Mehadrin, Hyper Hyper, retail chain Hamashbir Lezarchan and Marks & Spencer Israel.

During the reported period, Hamashbir Lezarchan Tel Aviv merged with the Hamashbir cooperative in Haifa, as part of which Hamashbir Lezarchan purchased

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50% of Hamashbir Ashkelon for NIS 4.84m. As a result of the merger, completed last December, Hamashbir ezarchan's assets rose to NIS

66m. from NIS 26m. In January 1995, the company established communications subsidiary Non Stop Radio, which began broadcasting commercially

in October... New Dimension Software (formerly 4th Dimension) posted net profits of \$1.32m., compared with net losses of \$22.75m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to \$35.73m. from \$28.23m. Revenues on sales of software products went up to \$23.1m. from

\$19.18m., while money brought in from maintenance fees rose to \$12.63m. from \$9m. North American revenues irose 16%, while revenues from Europe

and the rest of world went up 44% and 42% respectively. Fourth quarter net profits were \$695.75m., compared with net

losses of \$11.6m. Quarterly revenues increased to \$9.1m. from \$7.1m.

Net profits included income from the reversal of certain provisions related to a distribution agreement, which was terminated

in 1994. CEO Roni Einav said he was pleased with the trend and by the company's return to profitability, which was achieved without any reduction in continuing development efforts and while realigning

the North American sales and

marketing operations."

Last year the company completed development of a new multi-platform product in the area of security administration.

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Negev Ceramics reported annual net profits of NIS 1.29m., compared with net losses of NIS 3.1m. in 1994. Consolidated revenues went up to NIS 130.8m. from NIS 95.37m.

Fourth quarter net losses were NIS 666,000, compared with net gains of NIS 1.6m: in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 33.2m. from NIS 27.7m. The drop was attributed to increased production costs in the third quarter and devaluation of the dollar exchange rate.

The fourth quarter is traditionally the slowest season for ceramic tiles. Exports declined to NIS 5.2m. from NIS 6.7m., due primarily to a rise in local demand.

The company relies primarily on three major market channels: sales through the Negev retail chain; sales via contractors in the construction sector and marketing through distributors.

As of 1996, S. Rappoport has become the sole distributor of Negev products bere. Negev's largest client abroad is Olympia Tile International.

Packer Steel reported a rise in annual net profits to NIS 14.28m. from NIS 6.7m. Revenues went up to NIS

566.5m. from NIS 452.5m., while earnings per share increased to NIS 15.54 from NIS 6.73. Net profits include a NIS 2.7m. one-time capital gain on sub-

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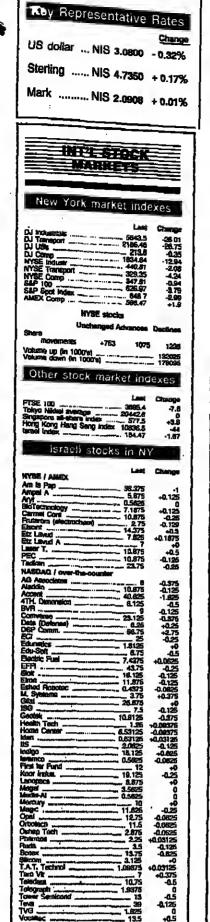
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# Fear of hike in rates pushes indexes lower

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES dropped yesterday as investors expressed concern that the central bank will raise interest rates to fight inflation.

This week, a report showing a steady money supply in February offset iovestors' concern about the government's announcement that inflation last month - 0.9 percent - exceeded analysts' expectations.

Now, "CPI estimatea for March are moving toward 0.9% matching the figure of both February and January - from previous estimates of aronod 0.6%, said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Betucha Securities and Investmeot Ltd.

Driving up the estimate is the closure, which is pushing up local prices at retail.

Most analyst maiotain that Governor Jacob Frenkel won't raise rates when the central bank

sets policy on Monday, but Firm said she wouldn't be surprised at a rise of a quarter or half percentage point.

The Two-sided Index fell 0.85% to 198.10, while the Maof Index slipped 1.04% to 207.54. The most active issue on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange for a fourth consecutive day was Koor Iodustries Ltd., down 0.5% on

NIS 4.5 million of shares traded. Also dragging down the indexes were holding company Clal Israel, off 2%, and Discount Investment, which lost 0.5%.

Across the exchaoge, some NIS 64m. of shares traded, 15% less than the daily average of NIS 75.6m. for this month

The central bank last changed the rate at which it lends to banks on February 1, raising it 0.3 percentage points to 14%.

# FTSE Index slips in late trading

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

LONDON (Reuter) - The FTSE 100 slipped in late trading to end easier after a day dominated hy economic figures.

Shares traded lower through the morning session refore weak-er-than-expected US retail sales data prompted rallies in gift and Treasury markets and pulled equities into positive territory in the early afternoon.

The FTSE 100 ended 7.6 points lower at 3,685.4.

FRANKFURT - Shares were stable at the end of trade, with the DAX Index marginally ahead on Tuesday's close, having taken the higher-than-expected Fehru-ary M3 money supply figures in their stride. The IBIS DAX Index closed the afternoon up 6.99 points, or 0.28 percent, at 2,491.73.

Earlier the DAX Index closed bourse trade down 7.36 points at 2,485.90 points.

PARIS - Shares finished up after turning higher in the after-ocon oo bond strength and despite early weakness oo Wall Street. Traders said buying of blue chips stocks helped support the wider market.

The CAC-40 index closed up 2.59, or 0.13%, at 1,969.79.

ZURICH - Shares ended little changed after several batches of economic data seot mixed sigoals. Stronger than anticipated Germao M3 growth depressed share prices early, theo lower than expected U.S. retail sales pushed the bourse slightly higher. Traders said a firmer Wall Street also gave a mild boost late in the

The broad SPI Index gained

5.36 points to end at 2,304,54. TOKYO - The stock exchange was closed due to a national holi-

day and will resume trade today. HONG KONG - Stocks pared sharp early losses to close modestly lower, drawing sopport from heavy buying of major laggard Hutchison. The hlue-chip Hang Seng Index dipped 43.97 points to 10,836.53, off an initial low of 10,779.81 hit on a correction following Tuesday's 279-

point jump. Turnover fell to HK\$4.64 hillioo from Tuesday's adjusted HK\$4.99b.

SYDNEY - The share market ended lower, drifting away in the afternoon session as the lack of leads began to tell on an indecisive market. The All Ordinaries Index closed 6.9 lower at 2,249.4.

Brokers said the lower close was not really cause for concern, with a lack of leads and a Japa-oese market holiday ensuring the day lacked any real trend. JOHANNESBURG - Shares

eoded slightly weaker after drifting quietly all day, with gold stocks slipping on a softer bullion price and industrials easing on a lack of interest and an abscoce of fresh direction.

Dealers said a public holiday today to celebrate Human Rights Day had kept many players oo the sidelines. The all share index ended 12.2 points weaker at 6,633.6, industrials edged slid 7.6 points to 8,230.3 and the gold index fell 16.0 to 1,722.6.

# Dow plunges on sell-off in technology shares

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Renter) - The which dropped \$7 to \$114.75.

Dow Jones industrial average lost At 2.19 p.m. EST, the Dow more than 50 points during trading yesterday following a sell-off 5,619.29, which activated the in technology shares, incloding New York Stock Exchange's lim-International Business Machines, its on program trading.

was down 50.22 points at

Until the US switches its clocks for Daylight Saving Time, the Dow Jones results published in the paper will be from 3 p.m. New York time.

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# Gloom descends **upon Forest**

NOTTINGHAM (Reuter) - The irrepressible Juergen Klinsmann led Bayern Munich to a 5-1 rout of Nottingham Forest in the UEFA Cup yesterday.

Klinsmann, anchoring the defense and inspiring the attack, scored twice in the second balf after first-half goals by Christian Ziege and Thomas Strunz.

Former France international Jean-Pierre Papin was the other Bayern scorer as the German side added to its 2-1 advantage from the first leg to reach the semifinals

7-2 on aggregate.

The scoreline did little justice to an energetic performance by Forest, which at times put the Bayern goal under severe pres-

But Bayern's class showed in its unruffled defense and ball skills up front which left the Forest backs in disarray.

The English side eventually earned a consolation goal five minutes from ome through Steve

Forest looked like making a fight of it for the first half hour with Klinsmann forced to clear a shot from Stuart Pearce off the line, Stone shooong just wide and Bryan Roy making some dangerous breaks,

But in the 30th minute. Colin Cooper fouled Klinsmann and from the free kick Lothar Matthaeus rolled the ball to Ziege who crashed the shot under the body of diving Forest keeper Mark Crossley.

Two minutes before balftime, Papin pulled a corner kick towards the edge of the box, Strunz took it in his stride and side-stepped a challenge to make space before his shot ricocheted into the far corner.

Forest boss Frank Clark used his last card in the 63rd minute, with a double substitution sending on Paul MeGregor and Jason Lee in place of Campbell and Chris Bart-Williams.

But almost immediately Bayern, chasing its first European trophy since winning the European Cup in 1976, scored a third goal, with Klinsmann putting away a flamboyant overhead volley at the second attempt from Scholl's cross.

In the 71st minute, substitute Frey eurled the ball over from the right after Klinsmann's pass sent him running free and Papin smartly dispatched an unscoppable

Eight minutes later Ziege's pass, which broke up an unproductive spell of Forest pressure, sent Klinsmann clear down the middle and he slid the ball effortlessly beyond the belpless Crossley for his 14th goal in the UEFA Cup this season

Forest fans were on their way home in their bundreds when



THE ROUT IS ON - Bayern Munich's Christian Ziege (1) keeps Nottingham Forest's Steve Stone at bay as he gets set to score the first of Munich's 5 goals. (Renter)

Stone supplied the consolation goal after a one-two with Lee. In yesterday's Premier League action. Aston Villa and

Middlesbrough drew 0-0. Also yesterday, a magistrate began hearing evidence against three Premier League players accused of fixing matches in soccer's biggest bribery scandal in 30

The three - Bruce Grobbelgar. John Fashanu, and Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim are charged with taking or giving money to influence the outcome of games.

Magistrate Gareth Cowling, who has set aside two weeks to hear the evidence, will rule whether the case should go to

Fashanu, a 32-year-old former England international and Aston Villa and Wimhledon striker, is accused of making cash payments to Grobbelaar and Segers to fix the outcome of two matches in 1993 and 1994. All three have denied the allegations.

# Mac TA takes on Galil in hoops **State Cup semis**

LOCAL hasketball switches to the State Cup semifinals tonight, as Maccabi Tel Aviv takes on Hapoel Galii Elyon and Hapoet Jerusalem nlavs Buei Herzliya at Yad Eliahu Maccabi, playing on its own home court and undefeated in

local action since October, appears to have the easier route to the finals. It has already defeated Galil

twice in league play this season, including a 59-69 thrashing last month. In that contest, Galil trailed only 45-40 at the half, but could not keep up with the Maccabi juggernaut after the

Galil will seek to repeat its upset of Maccabi in the 1992 State Cnp semifinals, when the northerners went on to win their second title.

But Galil has not yet been tested this season in State Cup play, having reached the semifinals hy defeating three lower-division Although Maccabi has captured a record 27 State Cups, the team has won only one (1994) in the past four seasons, its only appearance in the finals during that time. The second contest should be

more interesting. Hapoel Jerusalem, in second place with a 14-4 record in the league, is seeking its first berth in the State Cup finals.

However, it must overcome the defending State Cup champions, who have beaten Jerusalem twice this season.

Herzliva handed Jerusalem its first loss of the season in November after a 6-0 start, and then repeated the performance by inflicting Jerusalem's first home loss of the season on Sunday.

The Maceabi-Galil elash is scheduled to start at 6:45 pm. and be shown live on Channel 5, while the Herzliya-Jerusalem hattle is set to begin at 8:45 pm. and be broadcast live on Channel 1,

# Ince recalled to England squad

LONDON (Reuter) - Inter Milan midfielder Paul Ince has been recalled to the England squad after a year in the wilderness for the friendly international against Bulgaria at Wembley next Wednesday.

Also in the 26-strong squad announced by eoach Terry Venables yesterday are Gary and Phil Neville of Manchester United, who could become the first brothers to play for England since Bobby and Jack Charlton 26 years agu.
It is Phil Neville's first call-up and he joins

Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler and Aston Villa's former England Under-21 captain Ugo Ehiogu as newcomers to England squad.

Fullback Gary, the elder at 21, won his first cap last June, Midfielder Phil, who was 19 in January, has made only 16 full premier league appearances.

Arsenal's Denis and Les Compton played together in four wartime internationals which were not recognized for full caps. Otherwise no brothers, apart from the Charltons, have played in the same England side

Tottenham goalkeeper Ian Walker and Queens Park Rangers' winger Trevor Sinclair are the other uncapped players included, although they bave been in senior squads before.

With regular central defenders Tony Adams and Gary Pallister ruled out by injury, the experienced Mark Wright returns almost three years after his last England appearance. His Liverpool colleague Jamie Redknapp and Arsenal's David Platt both return after

England squad: David Seaman, Ian Walker, Tim Flowers, Rob Jones, Steve Howey, Stuart Pearce, Phil Neville, Mark Wright, Gareth Southgate, Ugo Ehiogu, Gary Neville, Steve Stone, Trevor Sinclair, Jamie Redknapp, Paul Gascoigne, David Platt, Paul Ince, Dennis Wise, Peter Beardsley, Robbie Fowler, Alan Shearer, Les Ferdinand, Teddy Sheringham, Robert Lee, Steve McManaman, Nicky Barmby.

# Bulls, Magic reach 40

CHICAGO (AP) - Chicago, holding Sacramento to three points in the final 10 minutes, beat the Kings 89-67 Tuesday night despite only 20 points from Miebael Jordan and the absence of Dennis Rodman and Scottie

It was the 40th consecutive regular-season home victory for Chicago, tying Orlando for the NBA record.

Sacramento scored only seven points in the fourth quarter - just three after tying the game at 64 with 10:38 to play. The Kings were 0-for-16 from the floor, 0for-2 from the line and committed five of their 22 turnovers in getting outscored 21-0 over a 91/2minute stretch.

Toni Kukoc had another strong game in place of Pippen, getting 18 points, seven rehounds and

Magic 113, Pistons 91 Dennis Scott broke the NBA record for 3-pointers in a season and Horace Grant scored 26 for the second straight game as Orlando remained

unbeaten at home. The Pistons' five-game winning streak ended with coach Doug Collins and his players walking off the floor with just under one second remaining.

Orlando's Anthony Bowie grabbed a rebound and called timeout with 2.7 seconds left to give himself a chance for his first triple-double. The Detroit coaching staff waved the Pistons to the side of the floor and allowed the Magic to iobound the ball nearly the length of the court to Bowie, who passed to David Vaughn for a dunk.

BJ Armstrong scored a career-high 35 points and helped visiting Golden State overcome Houston's dramatic fourth-quarter comeback.

Warriors 105, Rockets 102 (OT)

Joe Smith scored the first basket of

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overtime and Houston never led again. Smith finished with 20 points. Edridge Recasner's basket with 10.1 seconds left in overtime cut the

> to go was the game's final point. Melvin Booker missed a last-second 3-point attempt for Houston. The Rockets played without five key players, including Hakeem

Warriors' lead to 104-102, but a free

throw by Latrell Sprewell's with 9.7

Hornets 102, Pacers 94 Larry Johnson bad another strong all-around showing help Charlotte complete a perfect four-game homes-

Johnson had 10 points, eight rebounds and a career-high 14 assists. He entered the night averaging 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds over the previous five Nets 82, Grizzlies 77

Visiting Vancouver fost its 15th straight game as New Jersey closed with a 15-8 spurt in a game that featured the late ejections of Shawn Bradley and Greg Anthony

Bradley led the Nets with 17 points before being tossed with 5:21 to play, while Armon Gilliam had 16 and 10 rebounds. Bryant Reeves had 15 points for Vancouver.

Lakers 94, SuperSonics 71 Eddie Jones scored 26 points and Magic Johnson had 14 points and 10 assists as host Los Angeles won a showdown of the Pacific Division's

were held to their lowest point total of the season and had their three-game winning streak snapped. Los Angeles got its 15th victory in

The Sonics, who lead the division,

the last 19 games.
Tuesday's Games: New Jersey 82,
Vancouver 77; Orlando 113, Detroit
91; Charlotte 102, Iodians 94; Golden State 105, Houston 102 (OT); Chicago 89, Sacramento 67; Cleveland 81.
Dallas 72; Portland 106, Minnesota

#### SCOREBOARD

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EUROPEAN CUP - Yesterday's quarter-final second-leg result; Spartak Moscow 2, Nantes 2. Nantes won 4-2 on aggregate. NHL - Tuesday's games: Edmonton 4, NY Rangers 1; Florida 5, Ottawa 2; Detroit 6, Toronto 5; Philadelphia 4, NY Islanders 1; Anaheim 2, Washington 1; Colorado 4, Vancouver 3.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

# Friedman climbs to 5th, Inbar falls to 17th

**HEATHER CHAIT** 

AMIT Inbar fell victim to the vagaries of the sea yesterday, slipping 10 places to 17th in the World Windsurfing Championship in

Sailing in strong northerly winds (11 knots) on the first day of the final round, Inbar's rival for the Olympie tieket, Gal Friedman, bolstered his performance to take fifth place overall, finishing both bis sails in seventh spot. His pre-liminary result in left him in eighth position. 4 inbar's first result yesterday was

a disappointing 38th place, but he shaped up to a sixth finish in his

Amir Levinson bettered his preliminary round score of 18th place to finish 12th yesterday, closing his first race in fourth place and his second in 25. Leader Bruce Kendall from

New Zealand fell to fourth place while Greek champion Nikos Kaklamanakis assumed top spot. Aaron McIntosh, also from New Zealand, is lying in second place

with France's Frank David third. Local women windsurfers Michal Hein and Sivan Yosef did not register dramatic changes, ending in 27th and 48th places respectively.

Maud Herbert from France is

still the women's leader with Barbara Kendall tailgating her. The final round will continue

from today until Saturday.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

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Environce siota.

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Israeli skaters break the ice.

Galit Charl and Serget Sacianovski will perform in the free dance category tonight at the Freure Skaling World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. The event is scheduled to be shown live on Eurosport from 9 pm. The Israelis are in 25th place out of 33, entrants after Tuesday's compulsory dances. Michal Shmerkin with stage his free program tomorrow. Nitson Shochdir

Behr. Weidenfeld in tennis semis Nonth Behr, Israel's No. 3 tennis player, defeated Byat Estich yesterday in the quarter-final of the Masters stage of the Club Hotel Bilat satellite in Tel Aviv.

Behr, 300 in the IBM/ATP rankings, avenged his defeat last week by Erlich, ranked 267, by beating him 6-3, 6-4. This win is likely to improve Behr's chances of replacing Erlich as Israel's second singles player alongside Eyal Ran for the Davis Cap the against

Spain in Ramat Hasharon from April 5-7.
Today, Behr meets top seed Ignatio Truyol from Sweden.
The other Israeli in today's semifinal is Raviv Weidenfeld who beat Harel Levy 6-3, 6-3 and will new play second seed Lars.

Jourson from Sweden victor over Lior Mor 6-2, 6-4. Heather Chair.

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# No to UEFA's 'chaos' criticism

fresh accusations UEFA yesterday that the Bosman ruling scrapping its transfer system and foreign player limits had plunged soccer into chaos.

The judgment did not provide for a fair transitional period, it disregards sporting traditions ... destroys national structures of sport and endangers the future of national football associations and national teams." UEFA secretary general Gerhard Aigner said.

But European competition commissioner Karel Van Miert countered by saying: This is absolutely unfair, unjust and incorrect.

The European Court of Justice ruled last December that UEFA's transfer system and limits on the number of foreign EU players

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discuss the consequences of the ruling with UEFA. Van Miert said the Commission would help work out a transitional period for such domestic trans-

the Court of Justice.

# erning body, accepted the ruling earlier this month after it was

"It leaves the football authorities defenseless against abuses and distortion of competitions. Big industrial groups and private TV stations have already taken control over a number of clubs.

"It causes a two-class society in football on the European continent and causes discrimination against football players from non

EU countries." he said. "As if the Bosman ruling is some kind of catastrophe." scoffed Van Miert, adding that

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"The European Union is what it is...inside the Union people can move freely," Van Miert said. "That's what the Union is about. Are you going to destroy this?" But he added that the

Van Miert also advocated a system of solidarity between big and smaller clubs, using part of the lucrative revenue from TV broadcasting rights of soccer matches so that poorer clubs could still

# BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The European Commission angrily vened EU laws. soccer federations could have anticipated many of the problems

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# CRITIC'S CHOICE

#### DANCE

MICHAFI AJZENSTADT

THE Batsheva Dance Company and the Batsheva Ensemble present a joint program featuring Angeline Preljocaj's White Tears, Jiri Kylian's engaging and provocative Six Dances and Ohad Naharin's reflective and mysteri-

ous Arbus. Tonight and Saturday at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv at 9, and on Friday evening at 10.

At another space in the same locale Emma Thompson's adaptation of Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility' is you can cojoy the both respectful and creative. premiere of Yael Karamski's

Golem. Tonight (9) and tomorrow (2 and 10 p.m.). The Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company preseots Rami Beer's powerful and tantalizing Makomshehu tomorrow at the Eshkol Theater io Eshkol (9:30).

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Tempus Fugit festival of contemporary music concludes tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum with Noam Sheriff leading the Israel Chamber Orchestra in a program of music by Webern. Ravel, Suzuki and his owo Tfilot (8). Earlier there are presentations of music by composer Tzvi Avni (at 4) and Jan Radzinsky (at 6) while Italy's Trio Prizma presents a program of contemporary Italian music (at 5). At 10 the festival's finale features ethnic music by the sensational ensemble Bustan Avraham.

#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* SENSE AND SENSIBILITY - Emma Thompsoo stars with grace io Ang Lee's highly eotertaining and big-hearted film. What's perhaps even more impressive, she also wrote the screeoplay - and did a very fine job. Based on Jane Austen's first published novel, the script is a model of how a 185-year-old comedy of manners can be vitally adapted for the contemporary screeo: There is, almost miraculously, nothing starched or prim about the movie.

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Thompsoo's renditioo of Austen's measured book is faithful to the original without being slavish, at ooce respectful and creative. And Lee whose The Wedding Banquet and Eat Drink Man Woman were two of the most surprising movies of the last several years - was an inspired choice to

While he shows great affection for the characters and the formal rituals that surround them, he's not hung up on the trappings.

Quietly, responsibly, he attends to the costumedrama niceties of bow his people walk and sit and hold their forks - but never to distraction. With an excellent cast that includes delightful, comeofaced Kate Wioslet and smoldering Alan Rickman. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

#### FRINGE

HELEN KAYE

RAW? Yes, a little, but the four talented young artists of the KLIPA dance theater (and especially Dimitri Tulpanov) offer a truly original view of their world in 15 iotelligent vignettes. What little dialogue there is, is in Eoglish. At ZOA House tooight at 9 and tomorrow at 10 p.m.

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

warning (4-5)

agitation (7)

senator (7)

ACROSS

1 The man's playing 22 (7)

5 House rule (7) 9 Portion of food fulfilling

requirements (7) 10 One feels no obligation to

take in some bars (7)

11 Quiet lionesses in a knot 12 Three times Edward made

an attempt (5) 13 Material for credit record

note (5)

15 Sent flying! (9)

17 Substitute for traveller

with grudge (9)

19 Get left in a team or make

a sideways move? (5) 22 I will play the swan and die in \_\_\_\_ " (Othello) (5)

taking time off (7) DOWN

26 Favour writing a couple of pages on range (7)

27 Disloyalty from corrupt

28 Mountain fruit picker

1 Poison acres in error (7)

2 Social crawler in a built-up area (7)

3 One leaves home most

unwillingly (5)

4 Easter-egg production should be separate (9)

5 Those lacking spirit cause many tears (5)

#### 6 Scathing about quiet wear for retired folk (9) 23 Minor accepting the head's 25 So rude a broadcast caused

7 Animal moves in leaps (7) 8 Returned and surrendered

14 Makes good use of training

(9)

16 Limit the drink with sound reason (9)

17 Strike over some defence arrangement (7)

18 Old gold coin a Greek character filched (7) 20 Moved up following a

hound—a bloomer! (3-4) 21 Beg in French to doctor (7)

23 Battle for personal transport (5)

24 Decline to take friend back to the Home Counties (5)

### SOLUTIONS



ACROSS: I Gripping, 7 Tails, 8 Ballerina, 9 Cat, 10 Nark, 11 Hearth, 13 Kidnap, 14 Enable, 17 Unkind, 18 Disc, 20 Wan, 22 Spaceship, 25 Lotus, 24 Storeyed. DOWN: 1 Gabon, 2 Ill-bred, 3 Pied, 4 Nailed, 5 Birch, 6 Isotope, 7 Taurine, 12 Jackses, 18 Know-all, 15 Slighty, 16 Infant, 17 Unity, 19

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# **TELEVISION**

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 8:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Cairo Geniza 8:30 Reading comprehension 8:50 Society 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Art 10:55 English 11:15 Literature 11:40 Science 12:00 English 12:15 Science 12:40 Math in daily life 12:55 Proffic 13:30 Stones about animals 13:40 Our friends - cartoon series 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 The fables of King Babar 14:30 Basketball championship semifinals - live

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16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap - To pop culture 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

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18:30 Current affairs 19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Every Evening with Merav
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Semi-finals of national basketball cup
22:30 Live culture magazine hosted
by Yael Dan 23:30 News magazine
00:00 Verse of the Day

#### E CHANNEL 2

13:00 From the Concert Hall 13:35 Children's program in Arabic 14:00 The Intrepids — adventure 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Lucky Look 15:30 Pop Here and There 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Pati Reshef 17:30 All Together Now 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilon 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Exposure — investigative journalism 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two — culture magazine 00:30 Gallovglass — BBC miniseries 1:35 Spies (rpt) 2:00 Another Woman, (1988) — Marion, a lecturer and literature researcher, has always been careful to keep her amotions in check. In her 50s she suddenly goes through a difficult experience which leads her to realize the extent of her 13:00 From the Concert Hall 13.35 check in her sus are succestly goes through a difficult experience which leads her to realize the extent of her own loneliness. Directed by Woody Allen. Starring Gena Rowlands, Mia Farrow, Ian Holm, Blythe Danner and Gene Hackman, (84 min.) 3:05 Poem of the Day

#### JORDAN TV

14:00 Disney's Aladdin 14:30 The Legends of Treasure Islands 15:00 My Secret Identity - comedy 15:20 NBA 16:15 The New Leave It to Beaver - comedy 16:40 Pirates -

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#### MINDDLE EAST TV

15:90 The 700 Club 15:55 Zorro at the Court of Spain - the Masked Avenger brings hope and justice to a Spanish villa. Starring Giorgio Ardisson and Alberto Lupo (88 mins.) 17:30 Dennis the Menace 17:55 Mask 18:20 Fables of the Green Forest 18:45 Another Life 19:10 Hawaii Five-O 20:10 Magnum P.L. 21:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 21:30 CNN Headline News 22:00 Evening Shade 22:30 Jake and the Fatman 23:20 Law and Order 00.30 The 700 Club 1:00 Special Program

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Arts magazine 17:15 Royal Tears 18:00 NBA 19:30 News in Arabic 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Doctors Talk 21:45 Un Condamné a mort s'est echappe (1956) – a French army officer, fighting with the Resistance forces, is apprehended by the Gestapo (95 mins.) 00:00 Closedown

#### ■ ETV 2 (23)

14:30 Live sport 17:00 Gulliver'e Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jewish Mysticism 18:30 Female Perspective 19:00 Zero Hour (rpt) 19:30
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#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life To Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:16 the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 New York News - drama series set in a New York newspaper 21:40 Big Eyes (1974) – Israeli comedy with Uri Zohar, Arik Einstein, Sima Eliahu and Talya Shapire 23:00 Selnfeld 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing 2:10 Woman without a Past - drama 3:00 Demosey and Makepeace 3:55 The Golden Years - mini-series by Stephen King

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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10:30 The Second Side of the Coin – Indian film (79 mins.) 11:55 Penny Serenade (1941) – A young married couple adopt a child, who dies, and then decide to adopt again. Cary Grant and Irene Dunne (117 min) 14:25 The Long Road Home (rpt) 16:00 My Life As a Dog (1987, Swedish) – Story of an innocent and Swedish) - Story of an innocent and dreamy Swedish child, sent by his dying mother to live with his aunt in a village, and his first experiences of dealing with life, loss, and maturing. Won Oscar as Best Foreign Film. (87 min.) 17:35 Thompson's Last Run (1985) - criminal sentenced to life tries to escape prison, and is pursued by a cop who was his childhood friend (94 min) 19:20 Metropolitan (rpt)

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21:00 Road To Ruin (1991) - A rich playboy tests the girl ha loves: he gives up all his wealth to see if she'll still love him when he's poor (90 min) 22:35 Night Eyes III On Guard (1983) - erotic thriller (96 min) 00:15 The Fog (1980) - gothic horror (86 min) 1:45 Strike A Pose (1992) - erotic film (86 min) 3:15 Eternity (1990) - (rpt) 5:15 David Lynch

#### E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 9:30 C.O.W. Boys (rpt) 9:05 Beekman's World (rpt) 9:40 The Heart (rpt) 10:15 Punky Brewster (rpt) 10:45 Little House on the Prairie (rpt) 12:30 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 12:30 Hugo (rpt) 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Hampton Island 14:00 Professor Irls 15:10 The Heart 15:45 Step By Step 16:15 Sweet Valley High 18:45 Sliders – drama 17:35 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Ketchup Vampires 19:00 C.O.W. Boys 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 My Big Brother Jack 21:20 Cheers 6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Ketchup

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Kaos (1985, Italian) — series of episodes set in a small village in Sicily, which still preserves the premodern flow of life with nature (179 mln) 1:05 The Molly Maguires (1970) — a secret society of Irish Catholic mine workers in a Pennsylvania coal town in the late 19th century. Starring Richard Harris and Sean Connery. Directed by Martin Ritt. (124 mln)

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#### ■ EUROSPORT

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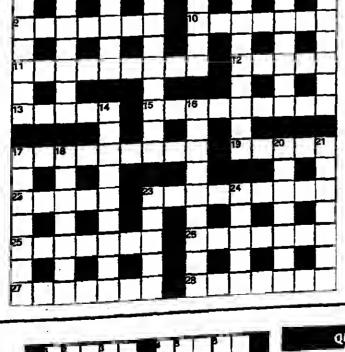
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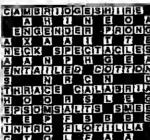


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# Quick Solution

# Kibbutz debt deal initialed

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

KIBBUTZIM, banks, and the Treasury initialed the supplemenlary arrangement for kibbutz deht yesterday shortly after Kibhutz Ha'artzi voted to sign, on condition a committee be set up to examine the parameters of the dehts, as recommended by the Procaccia Report.

The arrangement involves debts of some NIS 6 billion to be rescheduled over a 20-year period (starting from 1992) until the year 2012. According to the agreement, the government will write off some NIS 1.3 hillion over a five-year period and the hanks with write off another NIS 2.7 hillion.

The remaining NIS 2b. write-off is part of a land-disposal plan, under which kibbutzim in areas of high demand will relinquish 40 percent of their land in exchange for write-offs against their deht. Another 5% of these kibbutzim's tands will go towards repaying dehts of kibbutzim in the periphery.

The agreement was initialed at the Finance Ministry in the presence of Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, United Kibhutz Movement secretaries Zvilli Ben-Mosbe and Dubi Helman, Kibbutz Ha'artzi secretary Amiram Efrati, and representatives of the country's two targest banks, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim. Five other banks have not yet signed.

The arrangement remains subject to the approval of the kibbutz associations, the hanks' boards. and the Knesset Finance

According to the arrangement, kihbutzim threatened hy insolvency will get an immediate

group of about 50 land-rich kibbutzim will have the economic value of their land appraised, then hand over the land to the Israel Lands Administration in return for compensation equivatent to 27% of the value and an immediate write-off of their

The arrangement also ohliges the kibhutzim to give 25% of their shares in Tuuva to the government (60%) and hanks (40%). As a result, Tuuva will turn from a cooperative society into a limited liability company.

Kibbutz movement heads said the arrangement is expected to give the kibhutzim a chance to survive and open up new economic possibilities.

Shohat expressed hope the arrangement will not only save the kibhutzim, hut also help speed up the government's sate of the hanks, which has been beld back because of the arrangement.

Kibbutz Ha'artzi memhers voted - 87 to 55 - to sign the arrangement several bours before it was initialed, fotlowing a lengthy meeting. Their conditioning the signing on setting up an examining committee follows the Procaccia Report's allegation that the banks overcharged the kib-

Bank Hapoalim general manager Amiram Sivan said the court will determine if the allegations raised in the report are true.

The kibbutz heads emphasized that after the final arrangement is signed, in approximately 45 days, the other kibbutzim will have several months to examine their debts and decide whether to join



NEWS

United Kibbutz Movement secretary Zvilli Ben-Moshe and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat sign the kibbutz debt agreement

# yesterday as Bank Hapoalim's Amiran Sivan looks on. Third Way elects Knesset candidates

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Third Way councit's 250 members elected the party's list of Knesset candidates at

Ramat Efal yesterday. Results were expected after midnight tast

Tension prevailed over the council meeting, which was otherwise orderly and dignified, when it was tearned that a committee appointed by the council had made a list of 16 recommended candidates.

The list was kept strictly secret until just before the vote, and was given to each council member only at the polling booths. It was estimated yesterday that the council members would vote according to the list, since they are not familiar with all of the candidates, many of whom are unknown.

MK Emanuel Zissman, one of the movement's founders, was furious to learn that he candidates, a place which might not gain him a Knesset seat.

Zissman said he would speak his mind after the election results are announced. "But 1 am certain 1'll be elected to a realistic Knesset slot by the council members. I know who is behind this," he said.

The list recommends the following candidates for the first eight Knesset slots after party chairman MK Avigdor Kahalani; Yehuda Harel, Prof. Alex Lobotzky, Eli Malka, Avraham Rotem, Zissman, Amira Perlov, Prof. Avi Diskin, and Amos Carmeli.

Kahalani said the Third Wsy "basically sees itself as sitting in the center of the political spectrum, and therefore we have no problem joining any cabinet, either headed by Labor or

In his closing speech before the vote, Kahalani called on the members to "vote for the best possible leading team. Forget all the deals or lists you have been given before today. Wipe them out of your head. Think only of the good of the party. Tomorrow morning, we are setting out on a new way. We are different. We are people who have a special grace, and I have no. doubt we will get the public's confidence."

Third Way activists estimated yesterday that the party would get five to eight mandates in the elections, and were not concerned by the possibility of losing any votes to the Likud, even after its unity agreement with Gesher and Tsomet.

"Do you think anyone was convinced by the Likud's act of unity? Come on, It didn't even impress Likud members, so why should it have any effect on the public," scoffed one

# Arafat denies making 'terror deal' with Hamas

Jerusalem Post Staff

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat denied reports yesterday that the PA and Hamas have an agreement for Hamas to continue attacks against Israel.

"We have to coordinate on all levels to face and eliminate those terrorist groups which aim to liquidate the peace process," Arafat said.

On a visit to Gaza yesterday, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Absorption Minister Yair Tzahan brought Arafat a message from Prime Minister Shimon Peres that the dialogue between the two sides would continue despite the recent wave of

violence. "We came here to assert the dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is still proceeding." Sarid said. "The PA is not our enemy, it is our parmer."

After the hour-and-a-half discussion that centered on combating terror, Tzaban and Sarid said they were pleased with Arafat's crackdown on Hamas. Arafat told them he had arrested some 800 Hamas members since the wave of suicide attacks began on February 25.

"We are very satisfied with what we heard from Arafat," Sarid said. "We believe the PA is doing its utmost to fight terrorism."

Arafat also gave Sarid a message for Peres saying that Palestinian popular opinion would turn against Arafat unless Israel eases the closure.

Sarid said the closure was a necessity and promised to seek ways to ease it.



# Beersheb 7-18 AROUND THE WORLD

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# Peres, Barak, Ramon meet to discuss campaign

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres was to meet Interior Minister Haim Ramon and Foreign Minister Ebud Barak last night, to learn first hand of their reconciliation reached earlier in the day.

Barak and Ramon agreed at their meeting that Ramon is in charge of Labor's entire information campaign, including Peres's personal campaign, which is headed by Barak.

Both ministers vesterday continued denying there was any tension or rivalry between them. However, is assumed that when they heard of Peres's intention to: intervene in the authority struggle between them, they took the initiative and met to patch things up and to coordinate their cam-

paign moves. After the meeting, the two ministers appeared relaxed and amused, and even laughed when asked whether they had "made up" with each other.

"I haven't even had time to have a real fight with anyone, so: there is nothing to reconcile about." Barak said.

Ramon said "there is and was no fight, so there is no need to make up. I've been in the political life for so many years, and this is the strangest story I've ever heard. It's all a media invention.".

# Aguda picks UTJ reps

AGUDAT Yisrael leaders have chosen their representatives for the joint United Torah Indaism list with Degel Hatora, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The three candidates are Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meir Porush, son of veteran MK Menachem Porush, former MK Shmuel Halpert, representing the Vishnitzer hassidim, and newcomer Meir Shlomo Greenberg, who wilt replace Avraham Shapira as representative of the Gur bassidim, the largest hassidic sect in Agudat Yisrael. They will be joined by Degel Hatora representatives Avraham Ravitz and Moshe Gafni.

Jerusalem Post Staff



# Levy pledges to help Netanyahu get elected

SARAH HONIG

MK David Levy pledged yesterday that he "will do everything possible to make sure that Binyamin Netanyahn is elected prime

that when I am in a fight. I am a that he does." formidable foe, but when I am in alliance, there is no one more loval than me," Levy said.

Levy maintained that be "no longer feels any anger toward Netanyahu or a need to exact revenge" from the man who until recently was his arch-enemy and whose name he would not even mention for the past three

Levy had harsh words for MK Ze'ev Begin, bowever.

Begin carpingly attacked the Likud's pact with Levy Tuesday night at the Likud central committee session, in which the deal was approved by an overwhelming majority.

The bitterness, Levy asserted, "is all behind us, just as the past is behind us. What is important now is what is essential for the good of this country and that we replace this disastrous government "

Netanyahu, according to Levy, "is a good alternative to the failing Peres government because he heads a new political alliance of

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three parties which will bolster the security of this country's citizens and will introduce a new social policy. He has a real chance to win and we will actively do "Those who know me, know everything we can to make sure

Levy denied Begin's warning that he might bolt the Likud-led alliance if that would be the more expedient thing to do. "We will stay together in the Knesset. I don't desert allies with whom I go hand in hand. Besides why suppose that we will lose? We intend to win and we think we have a real shot at it."

As to Begin's derision of his social commitment when be asked for the foreign affairs portfolio, Levy insisted that he had not asked for it and said that be "will lead the social lobby in the next government.

"What the Likud central committee thought about Begin's words was hest evinced by the fact that only a handful of members supported his position."

Levy hinted that his hrother Maxim might well be included in his Knesset contingent. He said the candidates will be democratically elected, though he could not say in what forum, as his new Gesber party has no

LABOR Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli wrote Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday demanding to know whether an understanding exists between the PLO and Hamas allowing the latter to attack Israelis, as long as this is not done from territory under PLO control.

This is what Likud MK Ze'ev Begin steadfastly maintains. Begin said yesterday that, "If such an understanding indeed exists, and I say that it does, then there simply is no Oslo agreement. Such a deal between Hamas and the PLO brings the whole Oslo

scheme toppling down." On Tuesday night Begin put his political career at stake when he promised that, if it is proved there is no such PLO-Hamas understanding, he will resign from the Knesset and not run again.

In the Likud this was seen as a clear indication that Begin has no doubt he is on solid ground, and that Labor is in trouble - because once Begin embarks on a subject, he does so tenaciously and relentlessly. A case in point occurred

Labor asks Shahak about

alleged PA-Hamas accord

several years ago, when he charged that Peres had promised not to tamper with Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem. After Peres's denials, Begin produced a staff in order to save the lost bonletter by Peres to the then Norwe- or of a party whose policy has gian toreign minister saying jus

Begin yesterday repeated his demand that the full text of Deputy OC Military Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror's report on the relations between Hamas and the Paltestinian Aothority be made public. From what Amidror reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee last week, be supports the claim that an under-

Committee chairman MK Hag-

standing between the two indeed

gai Mcrom (Labor) did not deny yesterday that Amidror actually told this to the committee, but argued that it was "a controversial interpretation, which is not shared by the chief of staff." Begin attacked the very fact

a party secretary-general dispatched a letter to the chief of collapsed. This is a democracy." Begin said that although his

that Zvilli had appealed to the

chief of staff for support in a po-

litical row, saying: "Not since the

days of the Bolshevik regime has

contentions are not based on Amidror's report, the government's suppression of the report, which was prepared for the US Congress, "is an act of political censorship." Begin said he formed his opin-

ion three months ago from independent sources, "including open pronouncements by the PLO. On December 22, 1995 this understanding between Arafat and the Hamas was arrived at in Cairo. Labor's attempts to evade the issue, by arguing that it was not a signed document, is irrelevant and impudent. This is an understanding and it does not matter if it was not signed before a notary

# Registrar ends party registration check

Registrar of parties Ze'ev Boneb last week concluded his pre-election check of multiple registration in political parties. He found 34,581 doubles in the Likud, of which he ordered the party to delete 26.846 members: of 22.237 doubles in Labor be

ordered 16,284 deleted; of 19,221 doubles in the NRP - 17,139 deleted; of 2,485 in Tsomet - 2,214; of 1,270 in Yiud - 1,251; of 563 in Mapan - 527. A total of 80,484 voters out of all 728,510 registered were found to be listed in more than one party. Itim

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